



IRISH HERITAGE

Promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and supporters

I have been rather quiet for some time on Newsletters but that is not to say that the Irish Heritage team have taken a break. On the contrary, there has been a lot of work by the Artistic Directors and the Events and Marketing teams to get the 2016/2017 programme in place and even to look further into the future artistic direction of Irish Heritage.

Let me thank all of you who gave us such terrific support in the past year. We finished the 2015/16 programme with two very successful events in June: our Fundraising Dinner in the Savile Club which was well supported and a superb evening of entertainment and food and wine, and a sell out concert in Leighton House with Patrick Rafter, winner of the RDS 2015 Music Bursary and guests. We are sorry that some of our good friends could not get tickets for this event.

The Irish Heritage 2016-2017 Events Programme will be announced in full in a few weeks time and notified to you with lots of additional information, including details of membership (Friends of Irish Heritage) and season tickets. We have lined up a great programme of events with a wide variety of musical entertainment and I want to highlight *for your diary* a few events taking place in September.

- We will formally launch our **2016/2017 Artistic Programme** on 15th September with the Irish Heritage 2015 Music Bursary winners, Carolyn Holt, mezzo-soprano, and Máire Carroll, piano, on **Wednesday 15th September 2016 at 7.30pm** in the Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-Seas League, St James's Street, SW1A 1LR. Tickets for that event (£20 including reception) can be booked next week on-line at www.irishheritage.co.uk use the icon DONATE (there is no booking fee), and can also be reserved through Kathy O'Regan - kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk tel. 020 7226 4578.
- Our Irish Heritage **Fundraising Golf Day**, which was a huge success last year, is being held this year on **Friday 30th September 2016** at Luton Hoo, Golf Club, LU1 3TW (www.lutonhoo.co.uk/golf-luton-hoo). It is being sponsored again this year by The Modebest Group. As well as the golf, it will be a big social occasion with a showcase recital by young Irish Heritage musicians and a gala dinner, which is open to non-golfers. Enquiries for team entries and other sponsorship opportunities to Tom.Scanlon@modebest.co.uk or to the undersigned.

A VERY SPECIAL EVENT IN MANCHESTER

The Irish World Heritage Centre in Manchester has advised of a wonderful 1916-2016 Commemoration Concert, in association with the Hallé, on Saturday 13th August 2016, 6 00pm to 11.00pm (doors open 5.30pm) at the Irish World Heritage Centre, 1 Irish Town Way, off Queens Road, Cheetham Hill, Manchester M8 0AE.

This concert will feature music inspired by Irish culture and tradition led by the world renowned Hallé Orchestra and joined by distinguished Irish musicians, Michael McGoldrick, Dezi Donnelly and Cara Dillon. Classical and traditional performances will be accompanied by spoken word and dance. **This is an open-air concert**

Tickets £25 in the stands or £20 on grassed area from Box Office Bridgewater Hall www.bridgewater-hall.co.uk , phone 061 907 9000 or online www.iwhc.com .

FOCUS ON IRISH COMPOSERS

The other part of our artistic brief – supporting the work of Irish composers – is worth highlighting. In the past year we featured, for the first time in Britain, works by Irish composer, **Ina Boyle (1889-1967)**, including a world premier, and works by the young London-based composer, **David Wallace**.

Our Joint Artistic Director, Katie Rowan, refers to the excellent official Ina Boyle website (www.inaboyle.org) where there are details of important future performances of her work much of which is only now been rediscovered. Ina Boyle's Glencree Symphony will be performed by the RTÉ concert orchestra with conductor Kenneth Montgomery on **Wednesday 7th September 2016 in the National Concert Hall in Dublin**, as part of the 1916-2016 commemorative concert series, "Composing the Island". Boyle's Glencree symphony received its only previous complete performance in 1945 when it was played at a Radio Éireann Studio concert.

David Wallace will again feature in our 2016/17 programme, including a world premier of his work in November 2016 (details to be announced shortly).

I will bring you further news of our exciting programme for 2016/17 and other events within the next few weeks

With best wishes.

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