



# IRISH HERITAGE

Supporting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

## NEWSLETTER

### Dear Friends and Supporters

It seems that autumn has arrived, although it feels like summer in the South of England, if not elsewhere. I hope you had a good summer and feel ready to resume your cultural and social programme with Irish Heritage. We have a great programme of events – exciting and innovative and we ask for your support by attending our events and renewing or becoming a Friend of Irish Heritage. We have a special Season Ticket offer for Friends.

### Opening Night of our 2016-2017 Programme

Irish Heritage is delighted to formally launch an extensive programme of events for the year to August 2017 on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016** at the Royal Over-Seas League, St James's Street, SW1A 1LR at 7.30pm. We will give you full details of the programme on the night and it can now be accessed on the Irish Heritage website [www.irishheritage.co.uk](http://www.irishheritage.co.uk)

Our opening night on 15<sup>th</sup> September will feature a major concert by the joint winners of the Inaugural Irish Heritage Music Bursary **Carolyn Holt**, mezzo-soprano, and **Máire Carroll**, piano. Carolyn will be accompanied by Mikey Pandya, piano. Carolyn and Máire have made huge strides in their careers since they were announced as the worthy joint winners of the Bursary, following auditions and adjudication in the Wigmore Hall in October 2015.

Their delightful programme includes Irish and International music by Mahler, Bax, Britten, Chopin, Field and Hammerstein, and it features the **World Premiere** of a song cycle of Yeats poems composed by the London-based Irish composer, *David Wallace*.

**Tickets** for this event (£20 including wine reception and programme) can be booked **on-line** at [www.irishheritage.co.uk](http://www.irishheritage.co.uk) hit icon DONATE (no booking fee), or through Kathy O'Regan, [kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk) tel. 020 7226 4578. Tickets may be purchased on the night, subject to availability, but you are advised to check the website and come early.

Transport: The Royal Over-Seas League (ROSL) is at Park Place which is off St James's Street, by the side of The Ritz. The nearest underground station is Green Park, 5 minutes walk and there is an extensive bus service to Piccadilly Street and limited parking in St James Square, 15 minutes walk.

### Golf with Irish Heritage

Our Irish Heritage **Fundraising Golf Day**, which was a huge success last year, is being held this year on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016** at Luton Hoo, Golf Club, LU1 3TW ([www.lutonhoo.co.uk/golf-luton-hoo](http://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, sponsorship and advertising opportunities to [Tom.Scanlon@modebest.co.uk](mailto:Tom.Scanlon@modebest.co.uk) or to the undersigned.

### Honorary Life Membership of Irish Heritage

On behalf of the Committee of Irish Heritage, I am delighted to tell you that our esteemed Friends and supporters of Irish Heritage, since its inception in 1974, *Con and Eimear Murphy* have been made Honorary Life Members of Irish Heritage.

Con and Eimear and their exceptionally talented musical family have graced our events over four decades, and we expect they will for many years to come. *Saol fada agus sonas.*

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

With best wishes.

*Niall Gallagher*

Chairman, Irish Heritage

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