



IRISH HERITAGE

Supporting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Supporters

We are looking forward to a busy season between now and Christmas and, apart from our own two events, there are other interesting events to consider over the coming weeks.

OUR NEXT EVENT

We return to the Forge Music Venue in Camden on **Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.30 pm** for the World Premiere of **London Irish Reflections**, which seeks to contextualise the experience of the Irish of several generations working and living in London. **Daire Halpin** (soprano) and **Jean Kelly** (harpist) - our Joint Artistic Director - will premiere *Reflections* as part of Irish Heritage's Season **'1916-2016 A Century of Music in Ireland'**.

London Irish Reflections is a new song-cycle for soprano, harp and electronics, composed by **David Wallace**, in collaboration with **Dan Milmo** who has written a set of poems derived from in-depth interviews with members of the Irish emigrant community in London.

Jean Kelly speaks about the inspiration for the idea of London Irish Reflections:

"I visited Southwark Irish Pensioners Project to perform with Daire Halpin, my cousin and a fellow Londoner. We were moved by the tales of hardship endured by the audience members – a generation of Irish emigrants who arrived in London in the 1950s and 60s. The comparison to our own trouble-free, racism-free experience of moving to London was shocking to me, and I came away feeling that I owed a huge debt to this group of people who contributed so much to change the attitude towards Irish people in Britain, and who allowed my transition from Cork to London to be so smooth."

The programme will contain well known Irish songs and harp music by Irish composers, including Percy French, TC Kelly, Hamilton Harty and Aloys Fleischmann, as well as the ubiquitous, "*Traditional*". The story which follows, entitled "*Across The Water*", is a multimedia opera-song cycle for soprano, concert harp and electric harp with music composed by David Wallace and words by Dan Milmo. It is a truly innovative representation of a very significant aspect of the Irish experience in London and our cultural contribution.

Tickets: £20 including wine reception and programme and can be booked on- line at www.irishheritage.co.uk click on DONATE (no booking fee), or through Kathy O'Regan, kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk tel. 020 7226 4578.

Venue: The Forge Music Venue, 3-7 Delancey Street, Camden NW1 7NL. It is 5 minutes walk south from Camden Town Underground station or 7 minutes north from Mornington Crescent. Bus numbers 24, 27, 29, 31, 88, 134, 168, 214, 253, 274 and C2 all **stop** close by. www.forgevenue.org. **As capacity is limited you are advised to book soon.**

FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DIARY

We are delighted to be holding our **Christmas by Candlelight** concert again this year in St George's Church, Hanover Square on **Monday 19th December at 7.00 pm (note time)**, in association with The Irish Literary Society (ILS). Full details of the concert will be announced shortly, but tickets are now on sale through Kathy O'Regan, kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk tel. 020 7226 4578. Tickets are £20 (including wine and a programme) and we have a special price of £45 for a family of two adults and two children. Tickets will shortly be available on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk click on DONATE

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Irish Art Exhibition

Our good friend, Barbara Stanley, The Barbara Stanley Gallery, Irish Contemporary Art, has an upcoming exhibition '*Revisiting Past Masters: Still Life and Portraits*' in collaboration with **12 Star Gallery, Europe House, 32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3EU**. Artists include Anthony Murphy, Comghall Casey, Ian McAllister, Ken Hamilton, Philip Lindey and Martin Mooney.

The exhibition will run from 10th – 18th November. The gallery is open from 10am-6pm, Monday to Friday and admission is free.

Requiem in Memoriam – Marbhna in St Patrick's Church, Soho Square

Our good friend, Breda McKinney, Director of Music & Principal Soloist, St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, has asked me to tell you that the UK Premiere performance of *Requiem in Memoriam – Marbhna*, will take place at St Patrick's RC Church, Soho Square, W1D 4NR, on Tuesday 29th November 2016 at 7.15pm, in the presence of the Ambassador of Ireland HE Dr Daniel Mulhall.

This moving and innovative composition by Irish Composer Odhrán Ó Casaide and conducted by David O'Doherty will be performed during Requiem Mass celebrated by Archbishop Charles Brown, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland. All are welcome.

Interested in the Bodhrán?

Ruairi Glasheen is an award winning percussionist, composer, creative leader and educator based in London, who studied at The Royal College of Music and is a former pupil of the County Cork School of Music.

Ruairi is running a three-week course on the Bodhrán on successive Saturdays, starting on 26th November (11.00-12.30pm) in 160 Buckingham Palace Road SW1W 9UD. The course will explore the history of this dynamic instrument and a range of technical and musical skills required to play the Bodhrán. It will cater for complete beginners and improvers of all ages. All course material and video tutorials provided.

See details of the course and how to book and more about Ruairi:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-creative-approach-to-the-irish-bodhran-3-week-drumming-course-for-beginners-and-improvers-of-all-tickets-28635145491>

Reminder: Friends of Irish Heritage:

We are very grateful to those of you who renewed your **Friends of Irish Heritage** membership (£50 per household), or joined for the first time, and to those Friends who purchased a **Season Ticket** (£130 or £190 for two, which includes Friends membership). If you have not joined or rejoined please contact Kathy O'Regan: kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk tel: 020 7226 4578, or log on to our website where secure payments can be made and where you can find details of some special additional benefits to Friends and Season Ticket holders. We offer you a unique opportunity to help young Irish musicians at the time they need it most for their continuing education. See www.irishheritage.co.uk/join-us/

Thank you all for your continuing support and we hope to see you in the Forge.

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