



IRISH HERITAGE

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NEWSLETTER

Next Event Wednesday 12th April: Jazz at Kings Place

Dear Friends and Supporters and Artists

Thank you for supporting our 15th February recital by RDS Bursary winner, Aoife Gibney (soprano) with pianist Killian Farrell and guest star Carolyn Holt (mezzo-soprano) at the Royal Over-Seas League. It was an outstanding evening and our RDS guests were well pleased.

Our next event on 12th April is a real opportunity to extend our boundaries in music and venues. Even though it is not the first time Irish Heritage has had Jazz evenings, it is our first visit to Kings Place *“an independently-funded arts and conference venue presenting a diverse range of music, spoken word and art”*. Our featured artists **Súp jazz trio** are the latest contemporary Irish jazz group to develop an international reputation and it is a huge opportunity for us to provide them with a London debut in Kings Place. Details below.

NEXT EVENT

Jazz at Kings Place with contemporary Irish Jazz Trio, Súp, featuring Cormac McCarthy (piano), Eoin Walsh (bass) and Davie Ryan (drums), is on Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 7.30pm at Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9AG. **Súp** will be playing a program of original music, arrangements of jazz standards and Irish traditional melodies.

Súp is led by **Cormac McCarthy**. Cormac began studying piano and composition at a very early age. He completed a Masters in Jazz Studies at DePaul University in Chicago, and his compositions and arrangements have been recorded by such jazz icons as Phil Woods and Jeff Hamilton. He has performed as a pianist throughout Europe and the US, and recorded with Peter Washington, Billy Drummond and many others. He was awarded the Bill Whelan International Music Bursary in 2010 for young Irish composers studying abroad. Cormac lectures in piano, keyboard, arranging and composition at the CIT Cork School of Music and is director of the Cork School of Music Jazz Big Band.

Eoin Walsh took up the bass in his late teens and played with such musicians as Dónal Lunny and John Spillane, while recording with artists like Mick Flannery and David Lyttle. He holds a music degree from the Cork School of Music and received a scholarship to Berklee College of Music in Boston in 2013. He is featured on the InConcept album by the contemporary Irish ensemble, Notify.

Davie Ryan graduated in music from UCC and the Cork School of Music, and has toured and recorded in a wide range of genres. In 2015, he undertook four weeks of intensive master classes in New York with renowned drummers and educators. A member of Súp since 2013, he has worked with many different Irish acts and has wide expertise as a recording artist, including on this year's InConcept album by the contemporary Irish ensemble, Notify.

The trio represented Ireland at the 2016 Euroradio Jazz finals in Amsterdam having been chosen by **RTÉ lyric fm**.

Venue: Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9AG. Kings Place sits on the east side of York Way, 150 metres from Kings Cross/St Pancras train stations. See: www.kingsplace.co.uk

Tickets: £20 (incl. wine reception and programme)

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NEWS OF OTHER EVENTS

Bury Court Opera

I received a mail, below, from Emma Macnaghten of Bury Court Opera with an interesting event coming up soon. **Bury Court Opera** is a small opera company based just an hour from London in North Hampshire. It is known for the originality of its repertoire and high production standards. See <http://burycourtopera.org/>. We wish them every success.

"We seek your help promoting our incredibly exciting new opera Mad King Suibhne based on an Irish folk legend.

*It isn't every day that a small opera company in North Hampshire (just outside London) commissions a completely new opera - particularly one as significant to Irish Cultural Heritage as the legend of **Buile Suibhne**. However that is exactly what we have done and the premiere of this new work is on **11 March (with a second performance on 12 March)**."*

For further information contact Emma Macnaghten on 01420 22109 or emacnaghten@burycourtopera.org

The Ireland Fund of Great Britain

We are delighted to support the Ireland Fund of Great Britain and their St Patrick's Day event. Irish Heritage is the proud recipient of the 2017 IFGB annual award. Details:

*"The Ireland Fund of Great Britain and The Young Leaders invite you to the go-to event of the season, the St. Patrick's Day Noble Call, on **Thursday 16 March 2017 St. Andrew Holborn, 5 St Andrew Street, EC4A 3AF 7:00pm***

Join well-known faces from stage and screen, celebrated Irish performers and more than 300 friends of The Ireland Fund of Great Britain, or, sign up to the Young Leaders Society now and your ticket will be included in your membership.

We are looking forward to another show stopping, entertaining event – see you there!"
See <https://web.facebook.com/IrelandFundsGreatBritain/>

Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit. Have a Happy St Patrick's Day.

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