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NEWSLETTER

IRISH HERITAGE BURSARY WINNER 2016 AND NEWS OF THE 2017 BURSARY

Dear Friends and supporters

This is a slightly early edition of the June Newsletter so as to give you good notice of the forthcoming concert by our 2016 Music Bursary winner, Christopher Quaid, and an update on the 2017 Irish Heritage Music Bursary.

Summer event at Leighton House Museum on Wednesday 21st June 2017

Christopher Quaid, violin, will be performing his Bursary Winner's concert, with his accompanist, Kumi Matsuo, piano, on Wednesday 21st June 2017 at Leighton House, Holland Park Road W14 8LZ at 7.30 pm. Booking details are set out below. I would like to remind you that capacity in Leighton House is limited and it is always a very popular event, so I advise you to book early so as not to be disappointed. Leighton House Museum is a beautiful venue with a fine concert hall and lovely gardens. See:

www.rbkc.gov.uk/subsites/museums/leightonhousemuseum/visitus.aspx

Christopher Quaid was an outstanding winner of our Bursary, auditioned and adjudicated at the Wigmore Hall in November 2016. He is currently undertaking his Masters studies at the Royal College of Music, London, having graduated from the Royal Irish Academy of Music with First Class Honours. He has performed extensively with the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland and RTÉ Concert Orchestra and made his concerto debut with a performance of Wieniawski Concerto No. 2 at the National Concert Hall in Dublin in May 2016.

Kumi Matsuo was born in Tokyo, Japan, and graduated from the Toho Gakuen University of Music in Tokyo. In 2007 she moved to London for her further study at the Royal College of Music (RCM) where she gained an Artist Diploma and a Master of Music in Performance. During her studies at the RCM, she won RCM concerto competition twice. As a soloist, Kumi has performed with orchestras such as Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, and gave her New York debut at Carnegie Hall Weill Recital Hall in 2014. As a chamber musician, Kumi has performed on BBC Radio 3 and BBC TV 4.

Christopher, in conjunction with our Joint Artistic Director, Jean Kelly, has devised a wonderful programme include works by Brahms, Mozart, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Wieniawski and traditional Irish Airs.

Further details on Christopher and Kumi and the music programme are on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk.

Tickets: £20 (incl. wine reception and programme): see footnote on the Reception

On-line: Click on DONATE button, (no booking fee), or

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Special price of £10 for under 30s booking on-line, limited and subject to availability.

Irish Heritage Music Bursary 2017

The Irish Heritage Music Bursary (now in its third year) is one of the most significant developments in the history of Irish Heritage. Its purpose is to provide financial support to the most talented young Irish musicians (first/second generation) studying in the UK. The winner receives an Award of £5,000 and an Irish Heritage Recital. The past winners were: Carolyn Holt (mezzo-soprano) and Maire Carroll (piano) (Joint Winners) 2015/16 and Christopher Quaid (violin) 2016/17. Preparations for the 2017/18 Bursary are already underway with Katie Rowan, our Joint Artistic Director, taking the lead again.

This year there are eight participating colleges: *Royal Academy of Music; Royal College of Music; Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama; Guildhall School of Music and Drama; Royal Northern College of Music; Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; National Opera Studio; and Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance*. Each participating college is asked to nominate a maximum of three Irish students (instrumental and vocal) who demonstrate the potential to make important careers. Information on the Bursary has now been sent to the participating colleges and the closing date for nominations is 6th October 2017.

Auditions will take place at the Wigmore Hall on **Friday 3rd November**. The distinguished adjudicators are: John Gilhooly OBE (Chair), Professor Janis Kelly and Ronald Corp OBE.

We will send you further details on the Irish Heritage Bursary over the next few months.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you on 21st June – and please book early.

Mary Connolly

Chairman, Irish Heritage

Footnote on Leighton House reception 21st June

Apart from the excellence of the music and the delightful surrounds of Leighton House, our guests always enjoy the interval wine reception. This year we have a new wine supplier. Edward Doran is a Dubliner who has lived in London since 1966. In 2008 Edward bought a wine farm in South Africa, now called Doran Vineyards (www.doranvineyards.co.za). He will be supplying his white wines in Leighton House (only white allowed in the Museum), and wishes to be a supporter of Irish Heritage in return. We hope it will add to your enjoyment on 21st June.

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