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SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER AT THE SAVILE CLUB 17TH MAY 2017

Dear Friends and supporters

You may wonder why the May Newsletter is going out a few days early. The May Bank Holiday and the fact that our very popular “in demand” dinner at the Savile Club is coming up soon (17th May) means that we do not want you to miss it.

The wonderful, compact, ballroom of the Savile Club in Brook Street W1K 4ER (see it on <https://www.savileclub.co.uk>) is the perfect setting for a fine evening dinner with high quality musical entertainment by a number of highly talented young Irish musicians.

Our Joint Artistic Director, Jean Kelly, is again devising an attractive and entertaining music programme to complement the fine food and wines and friendly atmosphere of an Irish Heritage event.

Capacity in the Savile Club is limited so we strongly recommend that you reserve your place soon by contacting Kathy O'Regan on 020 7226 4578: E-mail Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk or alternatively contact@irishheritage.co.uk. Dress code is Black Tie/Cocktail Dress.

Further details will be included on our website www.irishheritage.co.uk.

Tickets are £80 each to include pre-dinner reception, 3-course dinner with wine and musical entertainment. A table of 10 is offered for £750 and we are pleased to include company details on our programme if you wish to entertain customers or clients. We will accept cheques or cash or provide bank details if you wish to pay direct, but we cannot accept on-line payments on our website for this event.

We look forward to hearing from you and meeting you at the Savile Club.

Thanks you for your support on Wednesday 12th April in Kings Place

We had an outstanding evening of contemporary jazz with a distinctly Irish flavour from the highly talented **Súp Jazz Trio**, Cormac McCarthy (piano), Eoin Walsh (bass) and Davie Ryan (drums). Our thanks to the musicians, to the team in Kings Place on our first event there, our sponsor on the night Kerman & Co, Corporate and Commercial Law Firm, and especially those of you who came in such good numbers to make it a special evening.

TO YOUNG MUSICIANS: NORTHERN IRELAND OPERA - FESTIVAL OF VOICE

Simon Lepper (Professor), our good friend and IH Bursary adjudicator, has asked us to mention the **Northern Ireland Opera's Festival of Voice** which takes place in the historic village of Glenarm, Co Antrim from 18th – 20th August 2017 see <http://www.niopera.com/our-work/festival-of-voice/>.

It is an annual celebration of singing and features a number of public recitals and events and culminates in a **vocal competition** hosted by Northern Ireland Opera Patron and BBC Radio 3 presenter Sean Rafferty. Five singers from all over Ireland are chosen after submitting a recording and they spend four days working with top opera professionals including David Gowland, Artistic Director of the Jette Parker Young Artists' Programme at the Royal Opera House, Iain Burnside, pianist and song expert, and Irish soprano Ailish Tynan. A **pianist internship** is also offered as part of the festival and each year a young pianist is chosen to work closely with the coaches and play for rehearsals and the Irish song section of the competition.

The young singers and pianists involved with the Festival of Voice benefit from a highly focused experience and the opportunity to perform and make contacts with opera professionals. The winner of the competition is awarded a monetary prize which is crucial at the stage they are in their careers, and they will act as an ambassador for the company performing at events and with the Young Artists.

The **closing date** for all applications is **Monday 29th May 2017**, and the finalists and pianist will be announced in June. For more details, email Clíona Donnelly on c.donnelly@niopera.com or please call the Northern Ireland Opera office on 028 9027 7734.

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As previously advised to you, I have decided to stand down as Chairman at the end of April and retire from the Board at the end of August after 25 years. Mary Connolly will take over as Chair on 1st May on an interim basis until our search for a new Chair has been concluded.

A small group of our Board members, chaired by our Secretary Cormac Cawley, is conducting the search process and if you would like to contact Cormac directly, please do so at cormaccawley@yahoo.co.uk

If you think you could **help Irish Heritage** in any way through your voluntary efforts, or you know someone who would, we would be delighted to hear from you. You may e-mail us at contact@irishheritage.co.uk.

Again I say what a privilege it has been to work with such talented musicians, artistic directors and enthusiastic and willing volunteers. Irish Heritage is, I am proud to say, a great organisation and we encourage you to continue your support and help to young Irish musicians and Irish composers.

Yours sincerely

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