



# IRISH HERITAGE

Promoting young Irish musicians and Irish composers

**17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Friends and Supporters

## Next Event: Irish Heritage in Leighton House

We have a very special evening on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015** 7.30pm in our favourite summer venue, Leighton House, Holland Park Road, W14 8LZ with **Gavan Ring (baritone) and Simon Lepper (piano)**. You are advised to **book early** as seats are limited in this wonderful museum venue.

Gavan and Simon, two of the most accomplished performers with Irish Heritage, present a concert of songs by Robert Schumann and Ralph Vaughan Williams in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of the famed Irish baritone, Harry Plunket Greene (June 1865-August 1936). The music programme was carefully chosen to represent some of Greene's most notable musical achievements and his associations with great composers - Robert Schumann's song cycle *Dichterliebe*, which Greene performed in full for the first time in London in 1895, and Ralph Vaughan Williams', *Songs of Travel*, which the composer actually dedicated to Greene.

If you would like to read more on the fascinating life of Dubliner, Harry Plunket Greene, see [http://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/harry\\_plunket\\_green](http://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/harry_plunket_green) but better still Gavan will give a **pre-performance talk at 6.45 pm on the evening of the concert, 2nd June**.

Tickets are £25, including programme and wine reception, kindly sponsored by Cormac T Cawley, Solicitor. Tickets are available from Kathy O'Regan [Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Kathy.oregan@hotmail.co.uk) tel: 020 7226 4578 or online at [www.irishheritage.co.uk](http://www.irishheritage.co.uk). Click on DONATE (no booking fee).

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## Irish Heritage Fundraising Dinner on 13<sup>th</sup> May

A huge thanks to those of you who supported our fundraising dinner in The Savile Club on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. It was an outstanding evening with superb entertainment from our Guest Speaker and Singer, Ailish Tynan (soprano) and Daire Halpin (soprano), Gavan Ring (baritone), Fiachra Garvey (piano) and Patrick Rafter (violin). Our sincere thanks to these wonderfully talented artists for giving of their valuable time for Irish Heritage, its Friends and guests. The evening raised substantial sums to help in our work of supporting young Irish musicians and Irish composers in London. If you were not at the dinner and would like to support Irish Heritage in this valuable work you may donate through our website [www.irishheritage.co.uk](http://www.irishheritage.co.uk) – click on DONATE.

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## News of our Artists

**Fiachra Garvey (piano)** will play on Thursday **4<sup>th</sup> June 2015** at 7.30pm at Strawberry Hill House, Strawberry Hill, 268 Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, TW1 4ST in an evening of gothic and supernatural music inspired by Horace Walpole's gothic novel, *The Castle of Otranto*. The programme includes works by Liszt, Debussy and Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*, in the beautiful surroundings of the Waldegrave Suite, St Mary's University. For details and bookings see [www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/events](http://www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/events)

**Ailish Tynan (soprano)** has two concerts coming up in Wigmore Hall:- **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** at 1.00pm, A BBC Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert with **James Baillieu (piano)**, with works by

the French composers Hahn and Poulenc; **and on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30** Ailish sings with **Iain Burnside (piano)** in a programme including Fauré, Muldowney, Poulenc and more. Note: This concert is part of Wigmore Hall's [Chamber Zone](#), a free ticket scheme for young people aged 8-25 years old. Please call the Box Office on **020 7935 2141** and quote "Chamber Zone" to book. Bookings for both concerts [www.wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on)

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Wishing you well and looking forward to seeing you at some of the above events.

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