

33 YEARS OF IRISH HERITAGE – 1974-2007

1974

April

"Citizen of the World"; Bi-centenary tribute to the poet Oliver Goldsmith in the Hall of the Inner Temple. Wreath laid on his tomb by Irish Ambassador, Dr Donal O'Sullivan.
Black-tie reception in the Queen's Room afterwards.

April

"Tipperary Remembers"; programme put together for the Portsmouth Irish Society. Performed at Portsmouth.

November

"Tipperary Remembers"; special programme for the Tipperary Association, mainly works of Kickham.
London Tara Hotel.

1975

June

"The Friends so linked together"; the friendship of Thomas Moore and Lord Byron. Black-tie reception, descendants of the original friends of Moore and Byron guests.
Reynolds Room, Royal Academy.

June

"The Friends so linked together";
London Tara Hotel

October

"The Friends so linked together";
Purcell Room, South Bank Halls.

November

"Some aspects of my work"; Talk by Micheal Scott on occasion of his winning the R.I.B.A. Gold Medal.
London Tara Hotel.

1976

April

"The West's Awake"; Music and literature of Connaught; presenting Mary O'Hara in her first London appearance.
London Tara Hotel.

October

"Dark Rosaleen"; New programme on Ireland
Irish Embassy; Black-tie reception and full supper.

December

"Dark Rosaleen";
London Tara Hotel.

1977

- February **"Irish Heritage Party"**; several personalities present.
Cheque presented to the Hospital of SS John and Elizabeth.
Ireland House
- March Won **"Irish Post/Allied Irish Banks Community Award"**; for cultural contributions to the community.
- May **"May Ball"**;
London Tara Hotel
- May **"Dark Rosaleen"**;
Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage
- June **"The Heart's Undoing"**; Irish lovers famous and infamous.
Purcell Room, South Bank.
- October **"Music for All Seasons"**; poetry, drama and music.
London Tara Hotel.
- November /
December **"Kiernan Lectures"**; In association with NUI Club -
relating to Irish literature and music.

1978

- February **"Music to Delight"**; Baroque evening given by the Douglas Gunn Ensemble from Cork.
London Tara Hotel.
- June **"Michael MacLiammoir Commemorative Dinner"**; stars of screen and stage present.
London Tara Hotel.
- October/
November **"The time of Singing has come"**; BI-centenary programme on Catherine McAuley for the Sisters of Mercy. UK Tour incorporating London, Liverpool, Wolverhampton, Bristol, Abingdon, Oxford.
Major halls with capacity of 2,500+ - totally sold out.
- November **"Rich and Rare"**; Evening of Irish and Welsh poetry and music.
Reardon Smith, University Theatre, Cardiff
- December **"Rich and Rare"**;
London Tara Hotel.

1979

- March **"The West's Awake";**
St. John's Hotel, Solihul.
- April **"A Song of Grace and Favour";** Gramophone record launched.
Black-tie reception, Ireland House.
- May **"The Minstrel Boy";** Bi-centenary celebration of the birth of Thomas Moore. Original manuscript of the song "The Minstrel Boy" presented to Irish Centre.
St. John's, Smith Square.
- November **"Dublin's Fair City";**
London Tara Hotel

1980

- April **"In Happy Moments";** selections from the three Irish Operas.
Purcell Room, South Bank.
- November **"In Happy Moments";**
London Tara Hotel

1981

- May **"A Ring for Every Finger";** music and light verse.
Conway Hall, Bedford Square.
- November **"Girl of the Golden West";** programme on Margaret Burke Sheridan, Ireland's international opera star.
Commonwealth Institute.

1982

- February **"Brendan Bracken - The Man and the Myth";** Charles Lysaght talks about his book.
Leighton House.
- March **"Ringabella Plurabelle";** Joyce centenary celebration.
Commonwealth Institute.
- November **"Ringabella Plurabelle" and "A Ring for Every Finger"**
Belfast Music Festival
- November **"Debut Recital";**
Colette McGahan (mezzo-soprano)
Yvonne Egan (soprano).
Purcell Room, South Bank
- December **"A Foxford Blanket";** Talk on Foxford Mills by Mary Mullin.
Supper served afterwards.
Leighton House.

1983

- February **"Ringabella Plurabelle"**; repeat
Queen Mary Concert Hall.
- April **"An Affair of the Heart"**; love songs and poems.
Queen Mary Concert Hall.
- November **"Night Song of Mirth"**; Silver Jubilee of Irish Georgian Society.
Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith.
- December **"Christmas Party"**; Carols with Courtney Kenny and supper
afterwards.
Leighton House.

1984

- April **"John McCormack Centenary"**; Introductory talk by Liam Breen,
President of the John McCormack Society.
Irish Club.
- June **"John McCormack Centenary Concert"**; followed by reception.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank.
- November **"Celebration"**; 10th Anniversary Evening.
Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith.

1985

- April **"An Evening with Percy French"**;
Fortune Theatre.
- October **"To meet Mr Oscar Wilde"**;
Fortune Theatre.
- November **"Autumn Soiree"**; Leonora Carney (piano).
Leighton House.

1986

- March **"Stars of Tomorrow"**; Young Irish Artists.
Kensington Town Hall.
- May **"Irish/Spanish Evening"**;
Songs and guitar, Jean Holmes, Carmen Harman
Leighton House
- November **"The Great Victor Herbert"**; Songs from the shows.
Fortune Theatre.

1987

- March **"Stars of Tomorrow"**;
Kensington Town Hall
- September **"An Evening with Percy French"**;
Ardhowen Theatre, Enniskillen.
- October **"Autumn Party"**; Introducing Benedict Kiely
Leighton House.
- November **"No More a-Roving"**; new programme on Moore/Byron.
Ambassadors Theatre.

1988

- April **"Spring Soiree"**; Introducing Mary Hegarty.
Leighton House.
- October **"Music for an Autumn Night"**; Introducing Niamh Murray.
Canning House.
- November **"Joycenight"**; new programme on Joyce.
Ambassadors Theatre.

1989

- April **"Spring Soiree"**; Introducing Finbar Wright.
Canning House.
- November **"A Piece of my Mind"**; new programme on Shaw.
Fortune Theatre.

1990

- April **"Jazz Evening"**; Contemporary Jazz
Kenneth Edge / Neil Cooney
- November **"French Spreme"**; new programme on Percy French.
Fortune Theatre.

1991

- April **"Spring Soiree"**; Introducing Cara O'Sullivan
Canning House.
- June **"Music for Summer"**;
Patricia Wright (soprano), Darina Ni Chuinneagain (piano)
Leighton House.
- November **"An Oscar of Great Importance"**; New Wilde programme
Fortune Theatre

1992

April

"Summer Recital";
Helen Houlihan / David Harper
Leighton House

November

"She bid me take love easy"; Yeats and Maude
Fortune Theatre

1993

April

"The Spell of Poetry";
Leighton House.

September

"Press Reception"; preparation for Kylemore Abbey Night.
Irish Club.

November

"I Never Apologise"; new Shaw programme for Kylemore.
Playhouse Theatre.

1994

February

"Love songs and duets"; for tenor and baritone
Declan Kelly (tenor), Paul McNamara (baritone).
Pitshanger Manor.

April

"Love songs and duets"; repeat
Leighton House.

June

"Images of Life"; Fr Browne's photographs.
Fr. Eddie O'Donnell.
Irish Club.

November

"Company at Coole"; Lady Gregory and Friends.
Duke of York's Theatre.

1995

May

"Old Times, Old Friends"; 21st Anniversary.
Britten Theatre, followed by reception.

June

"Lafcadio Hearn"; Talk by Paul Murray.
Irish Club.

October

"Autumn Soiree"; Neil Cooney (piano)
Leighton House.

November

"Belfast Harp Orchestra"; with Janet Harbison.
St. James's Piccadilly.

1996

- April **"James and Nora"**; programme on James and Nora Joyce.
Fortune Theatre.
- June **"Summer Soiree"**; Owen Gilhooly.
Queen Alexandra's House.
- November **"A Night at the Opera"**; selections from three Irish Operas.
Fortune Theatre.

1997

- April **"Anuna"**; much feted Irish Group.
St. James's Piccadilly.
- June **"Hazel, Lady Lavery"**; Talk by Sinead McCoolle.
Queen Alexandra's House.
- October **"Autumn Soiree"**; Finghin Collins (piano)
Leighton House.

1998

- March **"Keeping an eye on Ireland"** Talk on his photographs by
Mark Fiennes.
Linnaen Society, Burlington House.
- April **"To be Found Out"**; Tribute to Michael MacLiammoir.
Fortune Theatre.
- June **"Summer Soiree"**; Introducing Franzita Whelan (soprano).
Leighton House.
- October **"Fr. Browne's Titanic"**; Talk by Dr Eddie O'Donnell, S.J. on
Fr. Browne's Titanic pictures.
Cophthorne Tara Hotel.
- November **"Romancing Rebellion"**; 1798 and the songs of Thomas Moore.
Kathleen Tynan (soprano), Dublin Piano Trio.
St. James's Piccadilly.

1999

- April **"Piano Recital"**; Professional London debut for Finghin Collins.
Wigmore Hall.
- June **"Summer Soiree"**; Introducing Robin Tritschler (tenor).
Leighton House
- July **"A Celebration of 25 Years of Irish Heritage"**;
Irish Embassy. "One to Remember"
- October **"To be Found Out"**; Tribute to Micheal MacLiammoir.
Vaudeville Theatre.

2000

- April **"An Evening with Paul Durcan"**; Poet.
Cophthorne Tara Hotel
- May **"The Magic of the Guitar"**; Stephen Reck (classical guitar).
Jury's Hotel, Kensington
- June **"Summer Soiree"**;
Elizabeth Cooney (violin), Cathal Breslin (piano).
Leighton House.
- October **"Excavating Nora"**; Talk by Brenda Maddox on her research into
Nora Barnacle and the film on James and Nora Joyce.
Cophthorne Tara Hotel.
- November **"Oscar, Oh, Oscar"**; Centenary celebration of the life of
Oscar Wilde.
MayFair Theatre.

2001

- April **"Sounds Delightful"**; Flute and Harp recital.
Jean Kelly (concert harp), Louisa Dennehy (flute).
Jury's Kensington Hotel.
- May **"Three Centuries of Irish Art"**; Discussion on Irish art by
Alan Hobart of Pym's Gallery and Kenneth McConky.
Royal College of Art.
- June **"Summer Soiree"**; Callino String Quartet
Leighton House
- November **"The Splendour of the Organ"**; Deirdre Benians (organ).
The Temple Church.

2002

- April **"Take Love Easy"**; Yeats and Maude.
Mayfair Theatre.
- June **"Summer Soiree"**; Delightful evening with the Gilhooly Family.
Noreen Gilhooly (soprano), John Gilhooly (tenor),
Owen Gilhooly (baritone).
Leighton House.
- October **"50 Years of Irish Cinema"** with Lelia Doolin
Royal College of Art

2003

- April **“Aisling”** Theatre Dinner with entertainment. With Daire Halpin (soprano), Jean Kelly (concert harp) and Donal Cox (actor)
Lansdowne Club, Fitzmaurice Place W1
- May **“ Magic of Maytime”** Ailish Tynan (soprano) and Simon Lepper (piano)
Leighton House
- June **“Summer Soiree”** Maria McGarry (piano)
Leighton House
- September **Irish Chamber Orchestra Gala Concert**
Wigmore Hall

2004

- March **30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner with performance of “The Wild Geese”**. With Anne Marie Gibbons (mezzo soprano) Owen Gilhooly (baritone) Jean Kelly (concert harp) and Donal Cox (actor)
Lansdowne Club
- May **Joyce’s Dublin Family**. Ken Monaghan (Joyce’s nephew)
Cophorne Tara Hotel
- June **“Summer Soiree”** Catherine Leonard (violin), Charles Owen (piano)
Leighton House
- October **Friends Evening** Maureen Mullally, LLB and Ethna Kennedy, editor, discuss Dame Judy Coyne’s “Providence my Guide”.
Brompton Oratory
- November **Professional London Debut** Maria McGarry (piano)
Wigmore Hall

2005

- February **“French Supreme”** Owen Christopher Lynch (baritone), Deborah Kelleher (piano), Donal Cox (actor)
Lansdowne Club
- May **“Summer Soiree”** Mairead Buicke (soprano), Deborah Kelleher (piano) – Leighton House
- October **“An Evening with Friends and Young Musicians”**
Launch of a new Chamber Orchestra – The London Irish Camerata
Brompton Oratory.

2006

February

“Debut Concert of The London Irish Camerata”

With Nicola Sweeney (leader and violin) St. James’s , Piccadilly.

April

“The Importance of Being Irish”

Theatre evening and supper with Maria Kelly, and Donal Cox (actors); Sinead Campbell (soprano), Eamonn Mulhall (tenor), Louise Dennehy (flute) and Jean Kelly (concert harp)
Queen Mary Concert Hall, Jurys Hotel, Gt. Russell Street,

May

“When Bach came through Borrisokane” Professor Frank Corcoran . Leighton House, Holland Park Road.

June

“Summer Soiree Carolyn Dobbin (mezzo-soprano) and Lindy Tennant-Browne (piano).
Leighton House, Holland park Road

October

Friends Evening with Courtney Kenny (piano and songs)
Queen Alexandra House, Kensington Gore

November

“Ireland’s Influence on Victorian Art” Illustrated talk by Alan Kirwin
Leighton House , Holland Park Road.

2007

February

London Irish Camerata with Maria McGarry (piano)

St James’s, Piccadilly

April

“The Importance of Being Irish”

Theatre evening with Maria Kelly and Donal Cox (actors), Sinead Campbell (soprano), Eamonn Mulhall (tenor), Louise Dennehy (flute) and Jean Kelly (concert harp)
Shaw Theatre

May

Contemporary Irish Art (lecture by Michael Canavan)
Barbara Stanley Gallery, Richmond.

June

“Summer Soiree” Norah King (soprano) and Fionnuala Moynihan (solo piano)
Leighton House, Holland park Road.