

Media Release

‘Opera in the Garden’ returns to the Merrion Hotel Dublin in partnership with Wexford Festival Opera

June 13 and 14, 2018



Today, 16th April 2018, it was announced that world class opera singers will bring a taste of the Wexford Festival Opera experience to Dublin for two exclusive performances, as the Merrion Hotel heralds the return of ‘Opera in the Garden’ on 13 and 14 June 2018.

In a partnership between one of the world’s leading hotels and a holder of the *Best Opera Festival in the World* title, audiences will enjoy an exhilarating evening of the music of Leonard Bernstein, in an open-air performance of *Bernstein à la carte*, which will be performed in a fully staged production at this year’s Wexford Festival Opera.

This original production is a celebration of the life and work of the great American composer Leonard Bernstein, marking the centenary of his birth. Bernstein is renowned for his long tenure as the music director of the New York Philharmonic and his opera and musical theatre masterpieces such as *West Side Story*, *Candide*, *Wonderful Town*, *On the Town* and *On the Waterfront*.

Numbers will be limited for this memorable black-tie event, which will commence with a Champagne reception before guests proceed to the private gardens of the hotel for the performance. The performance will be followed by an elaborate buffet supper created by Executive Head Chef Ed Cooney and served in the private dining salons of Mornington House, former home of the first Duke of Wellington .

Peter MacCann, General Manager of the Merrion hotel, said: “*We are delighted to announce the return of Opera in the Garden to the Merrion hotel and particularly proud to welcome our friends from the Wexford*

Festival Opera who will create a world-class performance in our beautiful, newly designed garden."

Artistic Director of Wexford Festival Opera, David Agler added, *"It is with great pleasure that Wexford is part of The Merrion Hotel's intention to revive opera in the fine surroundings of its newly renovated garden. The Merrion Hotel, renowned for the 'art of hospitality' and home to one of Dublin's finest art collections is an ideal setting to showcase Wexford's reputation for operatic excellence."*

Experience the magic of Wexford Festival Opera this June in the stunning surrounds of the gardens of the Merrion Hotel Dublin.

To book tickets for *Opera in the Garden* ring 053-9163527 or email merrion@wexfordopera.com.

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