

Media Release

**Experience the magic of
'Opera in the Garden'
at The Merrion Hotel, Dublin
in partnership with Wexford Festival Opera**

5 and 6 June 2019



(Tuesday, 26 March 2019) Following the great success of 'Opera in the Garden' last summer, Wexford Festival Opera is delighted to once again partner with The Merrion Hotel to bring a taste of Wexford to Dublin, for two exclusive performances on 5 and 6 June 2019.

Audiences attending will have the opportunity to preview one of Wexford Festival Opera's 2019 ShortWork opera productions in an open-air performance. This performance of *Le Docteur Miracle* by Georges Bizet, will be specially staged to complement the stunning gardens of The Merrion Hotel.

Le Docteur Miracle is a comic operette in one act by the French composer Georges Bizet and centres around a young man's attempt to win the hand of the mayor's daughter.

Written when he was just eighteen, the opera by Bizet with a libretto by Léon Battu and Ludovic Halévy was adapted from the play, *St Patrick's Day* by Irish playwright Richard Sheridan. This charming and bubbly piece contains echoes of Rossini and gives a foretaste of Bizet's most famous opera, *Carmen*.

Numbers will be limited for this black-tie event, which will commence with a champagne reception on the terrace, followed by the performance and a private dinner served in the Georgian Salons of The Merrion.

Peter MacCann, General Manager of The Merrion Hotel, said: *“We are delighted to welcome the world-renowned Wexford Opera Company to perform one of their ShortWork operas against the backdrop of The Merrion’s tranquil terrace gardens. Last year’s event was a huge success and we were thrilled with how it was received by all those in attendance.”*

Artistic Director of Wexford Festival Opera, David Agler added, *“Through our shared love of the arts, it is with great pleasure that we partner with The Merrion to present a preview of one of our ShortWork operas, 'Le Docteur Miracle'. The Terrace Garden is an idea setting in which to create this bespoke event and to offer people a taste of what to expect in Wexford this October.”*

Winner of the 2017 *Best Opera Festival in the World* title, Wexford Festival Opera runs from 22 October – 3 November. wexfordopera.com

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

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For further information on the 68th Wexford Festival Opera in October visit www.wexfordopera.com

EVENT DETAILS:

Black-tie event

5.00 Champagne Reception

5.30 Performance

7.00 Dinner Commences

€295 / ticket

Dates: 5, 6 June 2019