

Ashleypark House to host Baroque Concert

Romance will be in the air in the stately Ashleypark House in Lahorna on Saint Valentine's Night when the mansion plays host to the Baroque Delight Concert Tour.

The tour, featuring Karin Leitner, flute, Kerstin Doelle, soprano, and Mary McCague, piano, has decided to include Nenagh on its ten-day visit performing in top class venues all over Ireland next month.

The Baroque Delight Concert Tour offers the audience a superb concert of well known baroque music.

The songs and music will be visually enhanced with voluptuous baroque dresses worn by the performers. This is an opportunity for local audiences to dive into a time of long forgotten musical heritage and treasures.

There will also be a wine and cheese reception on the night. Bookings, at €30, for this much anticipated event are being taken at Ashleypark House by phoning 067-38223 or on email: margaret@ashleypark.com.

Karin Leitner has been touring Ireland for the last fifteen years with various chamber music partners. Her big passion are historic houses and castles. She has played for Kevin Spacey recently and is touring worldwide with solo and chamber music concerts.

Karin writes her own music, which sounds celtic, filmic and orches-



Karin Leitner (flute) who will be performing in the Baroque Delight Concert in Ashleypark House on St Valentine's Night.

tral and she will be performing one of her own compositions in Ashleypark House. The piece is called "Faerie Song" with lyrics from W.B. Yeats. Karin composed her latest CD "Earthmagic" on the Birr Castle Estate.

Mary McCague is a former student of international pianist Dr. John O'Conor and legendary violin teacher, Rev. Brendan McNally. She holds a First Class Honours Masters in Music Performance from

the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Mary has performed at many music festivals throughout Ireland and Europe and has won numerous prestigious awards. She has performed as a soloist, chamber musician and piano accompanist in prestigious venues throughout Ireland, including the National Concert Hall and the Helix, and has worked on a freelance basis with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra and the Irish Chamber Orchestra.

Mary regularly appears on 'The Late Late Show' where she has performed with Michael Bubl , Westlife, Leona Lewis, Rod Stewart, Phil Coulter, Katherine Jenkins, Il Divo and numerous other top acts. She also performed as a soloist on RT 's 'The View.' In addition, Mary has played at the Meteor Awards with various artists and performed on stage at the Point Theatre with Kanye West.

Kerstin Doelle was in the ensemble of the "Komische Oper Berlin",

was representing Germany at the International Festival of Music in Harbin, China and performed at the Silk Festival for the King of Thailand in the Royal Palace in Bangkok. She sang at the Merrion Square in Dublin for the EC representation and performed the whole Farinelli repertoire worldwide. She will also sing two of the very famous Farinelli arias on the Baroque Delight Concert Tour.