

# NATIONAL CONCERT HALL

## CEOLÁRAS NÁISIÚNTA



### Insights – On Wings of Song: Music and the Lyric Poet

Wednesday 18th March 2015, 6.45pm - 7.45pm

**Virginia Kerr** – Celebrated Irish Soprano and faculty member of the Royal Irish Academy of Music and NUI Maynooth.



Using as inspiration the upcoming performance by **Natalie Dessay** (soprano) and **Philippe Cassard** (piano), Virginia Kerr will explore the world of Art Song. Lyric poetry has inspired composers throughout the centuries. The Art Song strives to be the perfect combination of music and literature, based on four elements: the poet, the composer, the singer and the accompanist. The poet inspires the composer and the result is interpreted by the singer and the accompanist. It is one of the most communicative and important musical genres.

*Insights* is a series of talks given by respected figures in Irish music education and performance, and is loosely based on the International Concert Series. Each talk takes its theme from an upcoming concert, and as such will be of particular interest to those attending, but will also have much to offer anyone with an interest in expanding their understanding of classical music.