



Flax Trust Classics at Holy Cross, North Belfast with City of Belfast Youth Orchestra under the direction of Paul McBride.
Soloist: Megan Mooney



FLAX TRUST EVENTS

- Twenty Sixth Annual Washington DC Event The Hay-Adams, The Rooftop Terrace – November 22nd 2016
- Cross Community Inter-School Choir Gala Awards, FISCA, Belfast City Hall – December 15th 2016
- City of Belfast Youth Orchestra on-going series of concerts at Holy Cross, North Belfast including winning choirs and solo Bursary recipients

Bursary Awards

- City of Belfast Youth Orchestra, The Ulster Hall, Belfast – May 14th 2016
- Queen's University Belfast's School of Creative Arts – June 22nd 2016
- School for Social Enterprises in Ireland SSEI and Ulster University Business School, Social Enterprise Awards Waterfront Hall, Belfast – 24th June 2016
- Young Musicians of the Future Concert at Camerata Ireland's Clondeboy Festival – August 16th 2016



FLAX TRUST

Mission

The Flax Trust as a registered charity, formed in Belfast in 1977, has as its Mission the reduction and, if possible, the elimination of community tensions and religious prejudices by creative engagement in economic and social development, education and training with inter-community activities including culture, the Arts, sport, health, social programmes, personal development and dedicated communication projects

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Welcome to the Twenty-Sixth New York Annual Event

FLAX TRUST BANQUET

GUESTS OF HONOR

Loretta Brennan Glucksman
Philanthropist

Shaun T Kelly
Global Chief Operating Officer,
KPMG International



The "21" Club 21 West 52 Street
Wednesday, October 12th 2016



Enrichment Through Respect for Difference

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Shawn Griffin		Lorraine Turner

Banquet Menu

Smoked Irish Salmon with Red Onion, Shaved Fennel Salad, Grapefruit and Chive Sour Cream

Seared Tenderloin of Beef with Red Wine Bordelaise Sauce
Chef’s Selection of Starch and Vegetable

Classic “21” Creme Brulee with Berries

Coffee Service

Loretta Brennan Glucksman
Philanthropist

Loretta Brennan Glucksman has been involved in philanthropic endeavors for more than two decades, focusing on education, the arts, health care and peace initiatives in both the United States and Ireland, a passion she shared with her late husband Lew Glucksman.

Loretta is the Chairman Emeritus of The American Ireland Fund (AIF), where she served as its Chairman for 18 years before stepping down in December 2013. During that time, the AIF exceeded its goal of raising \$100 million under the Promising Ireland Campaign and reset the target to \$200 million.

Loretta is Co-Chair of Glucksman Ireland House founded in 1993, the center for Irish Studies at New York University, and she serves on the Board of Arts and Sciences at NYU. She also is Chairman of the University of Limerick Foundation. Loretta is also a long-time staunch supporter of FACES (Finding A Cure for Epilepsy and Seizures), which is affiliated with the NYU.

Lew and Loretta established the Glucksman Chair of English and American Letters at NYU, and the Glucksman Chair of Irish and Scottish Studies at the University of Aberdeen. In 2002, University College Cork officially opened the Lewis Glucksman Gallery; in 2001, Lew and Loretta established the Map Conservation Library at Trinity College, Dublin; and in 1998 they helped build the Glucksman Library at University Limerick.

In Ireland, Loretta served on numerous boards including IDA Ireland (national private sector economic development), The National Gallery of Ireland, The National Library, The National Concert Hall, The Abbey Theatre, Trinity College, University College Cork, The Royal College of Surgeons, Smurfit School of Business at the University of Dublin, and Cork Airport Authority.

In 2002, Loretta was conferred an Honorary Commander of the British Empire by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the highest honor for a non-British citizen, for her work toward peace in Northern Ireland. She also received honorary degrees from the Universities of Scranton, Fairfield, Trinity, and Cork and she is a Honorary Fellow of the Royal Irish Academy, The Royal Dublin Society and the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

Loretta has hosted radio programs in New York City and delivered speeches to groups in the U.S. and abroad. Earlier in her career, she was a television producer and on-air host for news and public affairs with PBS. She was also a lecturer in English literature at several universities.

Shaun T Kelly
Global Chief Operating Officer, KPMG International

Shaun Kelly is the Global Chief Operating Officer for KPMG International. In this position, he manages the day to day operational aspects of the firm's Global Strategy and oversees the delivery of global initiatives. Working with the Global leadership team he drives high performance and efficient service delivery across the KPMG network.

Shaun was previously the Vice Chair – Operations for KPMG LLP (2010-2015). In that role he was responsible for forecasting and planning and monitoring the execution of the firm's financial plan. He also had responsibility for oversight and execution of key KPMG shared services including finance and accounting, information technology, operations services and internal audit.

From 2005-2010 he was the Vice Chair in charge of KPMG's U.S. Tax practice and Regional Head of the Americas Tax practice. Shaun was a member of the firm's Management Committee from 2005-2015. Prior to assuming the Vice Chair role in 2005, Shaun served as the leader for KPMG's Global Transaction Services practice and Regional Coordinating Partner for the Transaction Services practice in the Americas.

Shaun grew up in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and joined KPMG International's Irish member firm in Dublin in 1980 and transferred to the U.S. firm's San Francisco office in 1984. He was admitted to the U.S. partnership in 1999. Professional and Industry Experience through his various leadership roles and his extensive work serving a broad range of significant U.S. companies which span a number of industries, Shaun has keen insights regarding marketplace trends and the business issues companies face in today's environment.

Shaun has extensive international merger and acquisition and corporate restructuring experience. He has helped structure transactions and has provided due diligence assistance at a number of Fortune 500 clients as well as several large financial institutions.

Shaun earned a Bachelor of Commerce, First Class Honors from University College, Dublin. In 2015 Shaun was awarded a degree of Doctor of Science Economics, honoris causa by Queens University, Belfast.

Other Activities Include: Chair of the Northern Ireland US Advisory Council East Coast arm set up to help the Northern Ireland Executive accelerate investment and trade opportunities; Member of the Board of Directors of the American Ireland Fund; Member of the Board of Directors of the Irish Arts Center in New York; Chairman of the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business North America; Advisory Board; Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee of Enactus, an organization of students, professors and industry leaders who use their business knowledge to help improve the lives of people worldwide; Co-Chair of KPMG's Disabilities Network and member of KPMG's Diversity Advisory Board

SNAPSHOT

2015 New York Banquet at The “21” Club



1. Brinda Holt Curley & Mike McCabe

2. Nancy & John Kelly

3. President James E Quinn & Sr Mary Turley

4. Margot Conway Wick, Barbra Jones & Catherine Oneglia

5. Ella O'Sullivan & Bill Condran

6. James Nesbitt & William Flynn

7. Bob Reilly, Eamon Mullan, Joe Cahalan & Tom Moran.

8. Mary Higgins Clark & John Conheeny

9. Mary Kelly & Eammanual Dowdall

10. Patrick Grace & Tom O'Brien

11. Joe Stanic & Mary Pat Thurston

12. James Nesbitt & Patrica Harty

13. Siobhan O'Neil, Simon Collard-Wester & Loretta Brennan Glucksman
14. John Patterson, Patricia & Dr John Brennan & John Sharkey

15. Tom Moran, John Kelly (Honoree), Sr Mary Turley, James Nesbitt (Honoree) & Tom Quinn

16. Gemma Allen, Emmanuel Dowdal & Bernadette Lynch

17. Niall Murray & Sheila Mulrennan

18. Gerry Toner, Alba Goebel, Jemma Toner, Ed Kenny

19. Carol Higgins Clark, Matt McLaughlin, & Bob Reilly

20. Lorraine Turner & Andrea Haughian

21. Joe Hummel & Joe Browne

22. Paul Gallen & Jim Dale

23. John Ryle Kezel & Susan Wabuda

24. Ann Marie Moriarty, Jackie McCoy & Eddie Friel

25. Nick Astbury, Fr. James Dorrem & John J. Ferrick