



The Burns Club of London

Birthday Festival Dinner

Saturday 26th January 2019, 6:00 pm until 1:00 am
at The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, SW1X 7DR

Dress: Black tie or highland dress

We continue the celebration of our 150th anniversary throughout the 2018-19 season and invite you to join in by inviting family and friends to our 151st Birthday Festival Dinner. What better venue could there be than The Caledonian Club? The bar will open at 6 pm and we shall take our places for the meal at 6:45 sharp. After the meal, toasts, songs and recitations we shall have around two hours of ceilidh dancing until 1 am.



The *Immortal Memory* will be given by Dr Clark McGinn, President of our club for 2008-09. Clark's PhD in Scottish Literature was on *The Global Development of the Burns Supper 1801 to 2009* and his publications include, *The Ultimate Burns Supper Book* and many articles and papers on Burns. He combines this depth of knowledge with a great sense of humour and unbounded enthusiasm. No wonder he is in great demand and in the last 12 years has delivered 145 Immortal Memories in 30 cities in 15 countries.

The toast *To the Lassies* will be proposed by the Reverend Alistair Cumming, an Ayrshire man and so enthused about Burns from an early age. Alistair was ordained



to the ministry in 2010 and continues his secular employment while playing a leading role in The Church of Scotland. His toast *To the Lassies* has been described as 'sparkling', so we know that role is in safe hands. The *reply* will be given by Nicola O'Brien, a Dumfries lass who is an accomplished speaker and in great demand for Burns Suppers all over. A teacher and Housemistress at Felsted School in Essex, she will no doubt be used to having the last word!



Our songs will be performed by Niall Anderson, baritone, who is originally from Fife and, having graduated from the University of Aberdeen, is currently studying opera at the Royal College of Music. Niall has performed at many prestigious venues around the UK and abroad and we look forward to his first visit to The Burns Club of London.



The ticket price is £78, the same as last year and represents good value for a meal of Caledonian Club standard and seven hours of entertainment. We expect the event to be fully subscribed so please reserve your places by returning the booking form to our Treasurer as soon as possible.

BOOKING FORM

for The BURNS CLUB OF LONDON'S Birthday Festival Dinner
26th January 2019

To: David Morrison, 124 Mill Road, Stock, Ingatestone, Essex CM4 9LN

Please reserve ____ places @ £78 per person

Cheque for £_____ payable to The Burns Club of London enclosed

If you prefer to pay by electronic transfer of funds please email treasurer@bcol.org.uk to make arrangements

Our names are:

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We would like, if possible, to sit near these friends:

Please advise of any dietary requirements:

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email: _____

Please note that tickets are not issued for this event, but your booking will be validated by email or telephone.

Cancellation Policy: Reservations may be cancelled free of charge by 5pm, **14 days prior to the event.** However, cancellations after this time, as well as no shows, will be charged at full price.