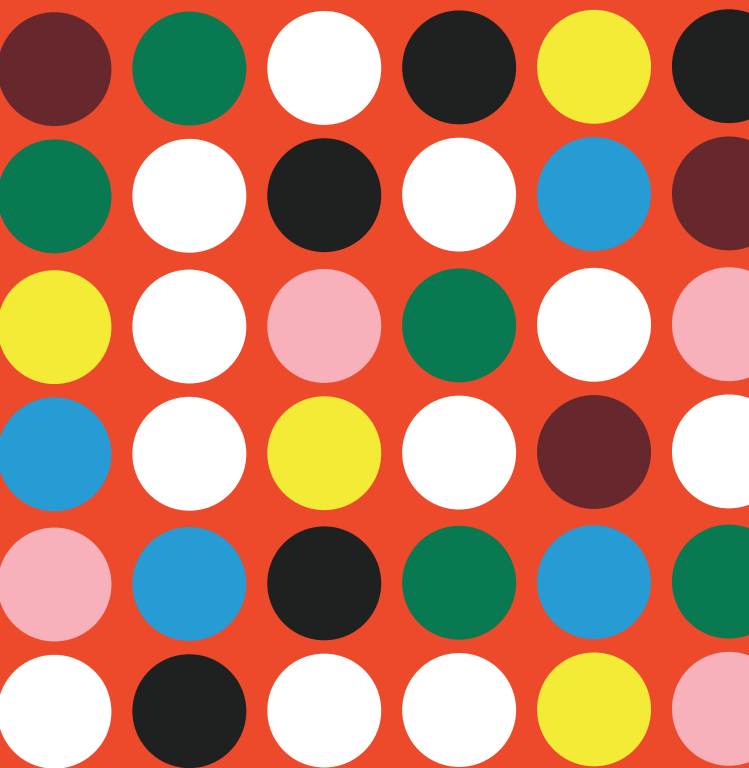


6TH ANNUAL BAILIEBOROUGH POETRY FESTIVAL

4TH TO 7TH OCTOBER 2018



Where Words Matter

The Bailieborough Poetry Festival 2018

The 6th Bailieborough Poetry Festival will take place this year from 4th to 7th October. Building on previous years' events we have a fresh batch of poets, artists, readers and musicians.

In keeping with past festivals, the festival will open with an art exhibition by renowned artist **Ruth McDonnell** on the Thursday of the weekend in the arts space of Bailieborough Library. This is an exhibition of words written in response to paintings. It's a conversation between poets and a painter; a dialogue between two ways of thinking and feeling about the world. It began on the 3rd July this year when the writers from Bailieborough's LitLab visited the studio of Ruth McDonnell in Virginia.

There they saw paintings and drawings, sketches and studies, works in progress and abandoned ideas - the normal hits and misses of an artist's workplace. And influenced by that visit, the LitLab authors produced these poems. The exchange between word and image has a long history in every culture. Leonardo da Vinci tells us, "Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen" - which is all very fine, but what do you think?

This will be followed by LitLab readings based on the artwork on display. Following this there will be poetry and music in a local hostelry. Over the course of the weekend there will be poetry workshops by visiting poets aimed at participants at all levels of writing experience, interviews, open mic events, the presentation of the Bailieborough Poetry prize sponsored by the Bailie Hotel.

The visiting poets this year will include **Enda Wyley** and **Annemarie Ní Churreáin** both of whom will be conducting workshops on the Saturday morning of the festival. Early booking is advised as the workshops are always oversubscribed. Cavan poets **P.J. Kennedy** and **Brendan McCann** will feature this year, both have a significant body of published work and we are delighted to have them grace our portals as guest readers. For the first time we are hosting an event by the Irish Writers' Centre through Cavan Arts Office.

Thursday 4th October 2018

Bailieborough Library

7pm: Official Opening

This year's festival will open with a collaboration between artist Ruth McDonnell and LitLab writing group. This exhibition will feature poetry from the LitLab members responding to works from the artist's studio. The exhibition and festival will be officially opened by **Prof. Iggy McGovern**.

This event will include a reading of selected poems by members of LitLab and will finish across the road in The Square Bar with more words and music by local artists.

Friday 5th October 2018

Murtagh's Lounge

7:30pm: 'Poetry in the lounge'

Brendan McCann will read from his recently published collection of poems, 'Erne Valley', which is an amazing chronicle of poems over decades of the poets' life. He is a retired school principal and playwright.

Enda Wyley is a poet and childrens' author and has five poetry collections to her name. She is a recipient of the Patrick and Katherine Kavanagh fellowship for her poetry and is a member of Aosdána.

An open mic will follow and the night will be rounded off with music and poetry from local artist **Conor Maguire**.

Saturday 6th October 2018

Bailieborough Library

10am-1pm: Poetry Workshop by **Enda Wyley**.

Bailie Hotel

10am-1pm: Poetry Workshop by **Annemarie Ní Churreáin** (*beginners*).

Bailie Shamrock Suite, Bailie Hotel

2:30pm: The Irish Writers Centre launch their **Poetry Master Class Series**.

This unique course commencing in Bailieborough Library on October 13th offers new, emerging and professional poets an inside look at the craft and processes of those who have previously excelled at the form.

This series will feature Moyra Donaldson, Noel Monahan and Colm Keegan. Taking place over six weeks, each poet will deliver a masterclass on a theme of their choice. The launch of this series will include a reading by **Noel Monahan**.

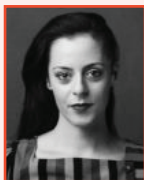
4:00pm: Bailieborough Poetry Prize Presentation and reading of winning poems. The judge this year is **Noel Monahan**.

Murtagh's Lounge

7:30pm reading by **PJ Kennedy**

8:30pm reading by **Annemarie Ní Churreáin**

9:30pm **Jonathan Creasy** features the music and life of Bob Dylan.



Annemarie Ní Churreáin is a poet from North West Donegal. Her work has been published in Poetry Ireland Review, The SHOp, The London Magazine, Agenda Poetry Journal and The Stinging Fly. Her debut, 'Bloodroot' was published in 2017.



Enda Wyley is poet and children's author. She was born in Dun Laoghaire in 1966. She has published five collections of poetry. Her book 'I Won't Go to China!' was awarded a Reading Association of Ireland Special Merit Award 2011.



Brendan McCann is a playwright and poet from Belturbet. His award-winning plays have featured on the All-Ireland Drama Circuit since 1978. Brendan has recently published a poetry collection entitled 'Erne Valley'.



PJ Kennedy is a farmer/poet who lives near Belturbet. He has participated in Listowel Writers' Week for several years. He has published a collection of poems called 'Shadows on Our Doorstep'.



Noel Monahan has published eight collections of poetry. His literary awards include: The SeaCat National Award organised by Poetry Ireland, The Hiberno-English Poetry Award and The Irish Writers' Union Poetry Award.



Ruth McDonnell studied at the National College of Art & Design, Dublin and the Medway College of Design Kent, where she received a diploma in Design. Ruth worked within the Design department in RTE for many years.



Jonathan C. Creasy is a poet, author, musician and broadcaster based in Dublin. His book of poems and essays, 'The Black Mountain Letters', is published worldwide by Dalkey Archive Press.

Bookings

Poetry workshop with **Enda Wyley** in Library Saturday 10am-1pm: €20 per person / €15 cons.

Poetry workshop with **Annemarie Ní Churreáin** in Bailie Hotel Saturday 10am-1pm: €20 per person / €15 cons.

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