

The 11th Annual

FRANK O'CONNOR INTERNATIONAL SHORT STORY FESTIVAL 2010

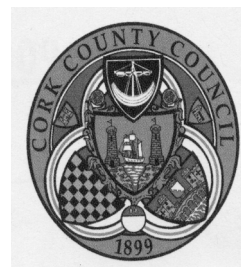
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EVENT INFORMATION

Wednesday, 15th September

Opening wine reception and launch of Foster by Claire Keegan

(see page 24 of festival brochure)

Claire Keegan has been often compared to both John McGahern and William Trevor. Join us for the launch of her new book *Foster*. Claire will read and wine & canapés will be served.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 7pm. Admission: Free.

Aidan Mathews - A Reading

(see page 27 of festival brochure)

Aidan Mathews works full time as a radio producer for RTÉ but has been winning prizes for his poetry books since his early 20s. During the 90s he published a novel and two quirky collections which extended the boundaries of the Irish short story.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 9pm. Admission: Free, donation of €5 encouraged.

Thursday, 16th September

Robin Black, Belle Boggs & Tania Hersbman - A Reading

(see pages 2, 4 and 21 of festival brochure)

Tania Hersbman is a young British-Israeli author and noted agitator on behalf of the short story; Robin Black and Belle Boggs are O'Connor Award shortlistees for their debut collections.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 7.30pm. Admission: Free, donation of €5 encouraged.

T. Coraghessan Boyle & Owen Hill - A Reading

(see pages 6 and 22 of festival brochure)

Two writers from California: TC Boyle is an O'Connor Award shortlistee and the author of over twenty books of fiction, several of which have been adapted for Hollywood productions. Owen Hill is a poet and crime novelist and a key figure in the literary community of Berkeley.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 9.30pm. Admission: Free, donation of €5 encouraged.

Festival Club at the Boqueria

(see page 34 of festival brochure)

15 minute "Prebooked" reading by Sheila Mannix at festival club.

Venue: Boqueria, Bridge Street. Time: Approx. 11pm. Admission: Free.

Friday, 17th September

National Day of Action for the Arts - Flash Fiction Reading

(see page 36 of festival brochure)

Join us for a reading of very short narrative texts by a variety of writers and readers

Venue: Central Library steps, Grand Parade Time: 11.30am. Admission: Free.

The Short Story & New Media - A Seminar

(see page 37 of festival brochure)

Chaired by festival director Patrick Cotter. Is the printed book endangered? Is web publication valid? In the future will key texts be published only on Kindle? How do podcasts help in promoting the short story? Listen to a selection of festival participants discuss these crucial questions and take the opportunity to ask questions from the floor.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 2pm. Admission: Free.

An Interview with Ben Greenman & Karen Russell by Sean Kim

(see pages 19, 30 and 34 of festival brochure)

Two young New York-based writers, one a New Yorker editor, another named by the New Yorker as one of America's twenty best writers under forty years of age. Hear them discuss their own work, the writing game and the centrality of New York to the publishing industry.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 4pm. Admission: Free.

Ron Rash & David Constantine - A Reading

(see pages 28 and 8 of festival brochure)

O'Connor Award shortlistees. American Ron Rash has published three collections of short stories and four novels, with his latest novel, *Serena*, he has gained international attention. Englishman David Constantine is arguably better known as a poet, but he has published three much admired short story collections.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 7.30pm. Admission: Free, donation of €5 encouraged.

Ben Greenman & Karen Russell - A Reading

(see pages 19 and 30 of festival brochure)

Two young American writers known for their humour, occasional irreverence and wild imaginations.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 9.30pm. Admission: Free, donation of €5 encouraged.

Festival Club at the Boqueria

(see page 34 of festival brochure)

15 minute "Prebooked" reading by Sean Kim at festival club.

Venue: Boqueria, Bridge Street. Time: Approx. 11pm. Admission: Free

Saturday, 18th September

Narrative Poetry - A Workshop with Tess Gallagher

(see pages 16 and 36 of festival brochure)

Venue: Munster Literature Centre, Douglas Street. Time: 9.30am -11.30am. Phone 021-431 2955 to book.

Short Story Writing - A Workshop with Mary Morrissy

(see page 36 of festival brochure)

Venue: Munster Literature Centre, Douglas Street. Time: 9.30am -11.30am. Phone 021-431 2955 to book.

Joyce Russell, Madeleine D'Arcy & YTA Seán Ó Faoláin Winner - A Reading

(see page 36 of festival brochure)

Readings by award winners: Russell (Francis MacManus Winner) & D'Arcy (Hennessy Award Winner), plus the prize-winning story from this year's Seán Ó Faoláin Competition.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 12 noon. Admission: Free.

Seminar on Radio & the Short Story

(see page 37 of festival brochure)

Chaired by poet Billy Ramsell, a discussion about the centrality of radio to the short story. Three producers (Seamus Hosey, Di Speirs & Aidan Stanley) working for RTÉ and the BBC talk about what they look for in a story and what adjustments they need to make for different types of production. Questions from the audience will be encouraged.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 2pm. Admission: Free.

Interview with Tess Gallagher by Beverly Parayno

(pages 16 and 34)

Poet and short story writer Tess Gallagher talks about her own work, how it influenced and was influenced by the work of her late husband Raymond Carver.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 4pm. Admission: Free.

Laura van den Berg & David Vann - A Reading

(see pages 32 and 35 of festival brochure)

Laura Van Den Berg has been shortlisted for the O'Connor Award for her debut collection. David Vann's debut collection *Legend of a Suicide* has itself already become legendary.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 7pm. Admission: Free, donation of €5 encouraged.

Tess Gallagher & Ita Daly - A Reading

(see pages I6 and II of festival brochure)

Tess Gallagher is renowned as a poet but has published several collections of stories too, relating to both Irish and American lives. Ita Daly is a member of Aosdana and is one of Ireland's most respected novelists.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 8.30pm. Admission: Free, donation of €5 encouraged.

Louis de Bernières & Nyk de Vries - A Reading

(see pages I2 and I5 of festival brochure)

Louis de Bernières achieved world fame for novels such as *Birds Without Wings* and *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*. Nyk de Vries is a young Friesian novelist and musician who will be reading from his collection of short short narratives.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 10pm. Admission: Free, donation of €5 encouraged.

Festival Club at the Boqueria

(see page 34 of festival brochure)

15 minute "Prebooked" reading by Beverly Parayno at festival club.

Venue: Boqueria, Bridge Street. Time: Approx. 11.15pm. Admission: Free.

Sunday, 19th September

Frank O'Connor Literary Walking Tour

(see page 37 of festival brochure)

Literary walking tour with Jim McKeown, biographer of Frank O'Connor. Starting at the Gables Bar and MLC, Douglas Street, finishing at MacCurtain Street

Venue: Tour starts at the Munster Literature Centre, 84 Douglas Street, Cork. Time: 10am - 12 noon. Admission: Free.

David Marcus Memorial Reading

(see page I5 of festival brochure)

Cork-born author David Marcus has been described for very good reasons as the Godfather of the contemporary Irish short story. We mark the first year of his passing with a reading of his story "Who's Ever Heard of an Irish Jew" by actor Jack Healy. Ticket only.

Venue: Cork Synagogue, South Terrace. Time: 4pm. Admission: Ticketed.

Presentation of the 2010 Seán Ó Faoláin Prize & Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award

Culmination of festival with wine reception and announcement of the winners.

Venue: The Ballroom, Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. Time: 8pm. Admission: Free.

Further Information

Reservations

Reservations will be taken only for workshops and the David Marcus Memorial Reading. Places at other events are on a first come, first served basis. Events *will* start on time. To reserve a workshop space please phone the Munster Literature Centre on 021-4312955. Further information is also available at www.munsterlit.ie.

Venues

Where not otherwise indicated, events take place in the Ballroom of the Gresham Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street. All workshops will be held at the Munster Literature Centre, Frank O'Connor House, 84 Douglas Street, Cork. Maps to these venues are available online at www.munsterlit.ie.