

2011

Dromineer Literary Festival



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29 September –
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THE POETRY DIVAS
RONAN DODD
OISÍN MCGANN

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This year we look forward to welcoming acclaimed Booker Prize nominee Jennifer Johnston, Irish Times Award winner John MacKenna and outstanding poets Dermot Healy, Catherine Phil MacCarthy and Kerry Hardie...

MEET THE AUTHORS

In our annual flagship event, Jennifer Johnston and John McKenna join us to read from their works, share their experiences and engage in lively conversation with the audience.

'HANDS: BOATBUILDER'

2011 is the Year of Crafts, and David Shaw-Smith will give a talk on his landmark *Hands* documentary series, followed by a screening of *Boatbuilder*. Legendary *Shannon One Design* boatbuilder Jimmy Furey will attend as our special guest. Other films in the *Hands* series will be screened throughout the weekend.

WORKSHOPS

Get to work! Dermot Healy and Vincent McDonnell will host our poetry and prose writing workshops for adults and Oisín McGann will host Transition Year students. Demand for places is high, so be sure to book early.

EXHIBITION

'Craft to Art' is an exhibition featuring works by local craftspeople.

POETRY IN MOTION

Join the Poetry Divas at the Whiskey Still for a night of poetic glitter and glamour which will blur the wobbly boundaries between page and stage.

TAKE TO THE LAKE

As with other years, our festival will go afloat on Lough Derg on Sunday afternoon aboard *The Spirit of Killaloe*. In 'The Living Lake' Rick Boelens and Dan Minchin will give us a fascinating scientific perspective on the waters and the wild.

SHORT FILM

We will also premiere a short film, shot on location in Dromineer, by young filmmakers from Dublin Institute of Technology.

DRAMATIC CLIMAX

As a poignant festival finale, Ronan Dodd of The Nenagh Players delivers a powerful adaptation of CS Lewis's *A Grief Observed*.

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU...

We look forward to seeing you in Dromineer, 29 September – 2 October 2011.

TIME	EVENT	VENUE	ENTRY FEE
THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER			
20.00	DROMINEER FESTIVAL POETRY Dermot Healy, Kerry Hardie, Catherine Phil MacCarthy	Lough Derg Yacht Club	€5.00
FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER			
09.00–15.00	SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRANSITION YEAR WORKSHOP Oisín McGann	Lough Derg Yacht Club	Free
19.30	OFFICIAL OPENING 2011 FESTIVAL Dr Edward Walsh	Lough Derg Yacht Club	Free
20.00	COMPETITION RESULTS & READINGS	Lough Derg Yacht Club	Free
SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER			
10.00–12.30	ADULT POETRY WORKSHOP Dermot Healy	Lough Derg Yacht Club	€15.00 (Light lunch included)
10.00–12.30	ADULT SHORT STORY WORKSHOP Vincent McDonnell	Lough Derg Yacht Club	€15.00 (Light lunch included)
15.00–16.00	SHORT FILM PREMIERE	Lough Derg Yacht Club	Free
16.00–17.50	'HANDS': BOATBUILDER David Shaw-Smith on his landmark documentary series, with guest Jimmy Furey	Lough Derg Yacht Club	€5.00
20.00–22.00	MEET THE AUTHORS Jennifer Johnston John McKenna	Lough Derg Yacht Club	€12.00 / 10.00
22.30	THE POETRY DIVAS A 'poetry performance'	The Whiskey Still	Free
SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER			
15.00–17.00	SUNDAY AFTERNOON AFLOAT 'THE LIVING LAKE' Rick Boelens & Dan Minchin	<i>The Spirit of Killaloe</i> from Dromineer	€12.00 / 10.00
20.00–22.00	FESTIVAL FINALE: DRAMA The Nenagh Players present Ronan Dodd, 'A Grief Observed'	Lough Derg Yacht Club	€10.00
Every day	FESTIVAL EXHIBITION 'CRAFT TO ART'	Lough Derg Yacht Club	Free

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JENNIFER JOHNSTON

Jennifer Johnston is an outstanding novelist and playwright. Her first novel *The Captains and the Kings* (1972) was an immediate success. Her latest novel is *Foolish Mortals* (2007). Her plays include *Indian Summer* (1983); *The Desert Lullaby* (1996); *Moonlight and Music* (2000). She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Whitbread Award (1979). *Shadows on our Skin* (1977) was shortlisted for the Booker Prize.



JOHN MACKENNA

John MacKenna has published novels, short stories, a memoir and (with Jonathan Shackleton) a biography of the legendary Antarctic explorer. Awards include The Irish Times First First Fiction Award, Hennessey Literary Award (1983), C Day-Lewis Award (1989 & 1990). He also won a Jacob's Radio Award for his series on Leonard Cohen, *How The Heart Approaches What It Yearns*.



KERRY HARDIE

Kerry Hardie has published five volumes of poetry. Her *Selected Poems* appeared in 2010. Her novels are *Hannie Bennet's Winter Marriage* (2000) and *The Bird Woman* (2006). She was joint winner of the Hennessey Award for Poetry in 1995 and won the UK National Poetry Award in 1996. She shared the Michael Hartnett Award with Sinéad Morrissey in 2005.



DERMOT HEALY

Dermot Healy is an accomplished novelist, short story writer, playwright and memoirist. His latest poetry collection, *A Fool's Errand* (2010), was shortlisted for an Irish Times Award. His latest novel is *Long Time, No See* (2011). He is the recipient of numerous awards including the Hennessy Award (1974 & 1976).



CATHERINE PHIL MACCARTHY

Catherine Phil MacCarthy was born in Crecora, Co. Limerick. Her poetry collections are *This Hour of the Tide* (1994); *The Blue Globe*, (1998); and *Suntrap* (2007). Her first novel is *One Room an Everywhere* (2003). She now lives in Dublin.



VINCENT MCDONNELL

Vincent McDonnell is an author of books for adults and young readers. *The Broken Commandment*, his first novel for adults, won the GPA First Fiction Award in 1989. Vincent gives workshops throughout Ireland, including the Listowel Writers Week and Wexford Arts Festival.

“a warm and welcoming festival, full of people who love the written word” TONY CURTIS



MARY ARRIGAN

Mary Arrigan is an outstanding author/illustrator of books for children. She has won The Sunday Times Short Story Award, the Hennessy Literary Award, and has been shortlisted twice for Bisto Awards. Mary has been a very popular judge for the children's poetry competition at the Dromineer Literary Festival since 2004. Her searching yet sympathetic analysis of the entries are a notable feature of the event.



DAVID SHAW-SMITH

David Shaw-Smith has produced over one hundred television documentaries, notably the *Hands* series about traditional crafts for RTÉ and has published *Ireland's Traditional Crafts* (2nd ed. 2003). Awards include the Special Jury Selection Los Angeles International Film Festival (1993); Jacob's Television Critics Award (1986); Golden Harp Award (1984). He received an honorary doctorate from Trinity College, Dublin (1987).



THE POETRY DIVAS

Under the inspired leadership of Kate Dempsey, the fabulous Poetry Divas Collective have read at festivals and cool events all over Ireland including Castle Palooza Festival, the Electric Picnic and Flat Lake Festival.



RONAN DODD

Ronan Dodd has adapted CS Lewis's *A Grief Observed* – based on the author's experience of bereavement following the death of his wife, Joy Gresham – presented as a powerful monologue. Ronan is a prize-winning member of the Nenagh Players and a well-known journalist with the Tipperary Star.



OISÍN MCGANN

Oisín McGann works as an author, freelance illustrator and artist. He studied art at Ballyfermot Senior College and Dún Laoghaire School of Art and Design, and went on to work in illustration, design and film animation.



GEORGE HOOKER

George Hooker is in his final year of a Media Arts Degree at DIT. He has written and directed short films, including *Hazel Point*, *Return to Sender* and *The Factory*. He intends to continue a career in the film industry after graduation.

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Tickets for other events are available on the door.

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