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## HAY FESTIVAL KELLS

25–28 June/Meitheamh 2015

Dear Friends – A Chairde,

Welcome to our town and our festival as Kells throws open its doors to writers and readers, to thinkers and dreamers, to the open-minded and big-hearted lovers of stories and ideas.

The joy of great writing is in the pleasure it gives, and in the understanding of what it is to be human, to love and to die. These great novelists and poets and playwrights, these historians and comedians and journalists tell it like it is, with humour and generosity of spirit.

Please come and share their words, and bring your own. This is the beginning of a conversation we all have together. The chairs are pulled up, the bars are open, and the stages are set. All we need is you. Bíg linn.

Bhur gcéad fáilte go dtí ár bhféile i gCeannas Mór – áit go n-oslófar na doirse do scríbhneoirí agus léitheoirí, do smaointeoirí agus aisinghich, le haigine oscailte agus spéis faoi leith i scéalta agus cothú samhlaíochta.

Is é áthas na scríbhneoireachta ná an sásamh a thugann sí, mar aon leis an tuiscint atá ar fáil uaithi faoin daonnacht, faoin ngrá agus faoin mbeatha shíoraí. Beidh úrscéalaithe, filí, drámadóirí, staraith, fuirseoirí agus iriseoirí inár measc a labhróidh linn óna gcroithe amach, le greann agus fialmhaiteas.

Tagaigí agus roinn a gcuid focail, agus tóg bhur gcuid féin. Tús comhrá eadrainn a bheidh i gceist. Tá na cathaoireacha in áit, na hionaid oscailte, agus na stáitsí réitithe. Níl de dhíth ach bhur gcomhlúadar. Bíg linn.

Lyndy Cooke – Hay Festival  
& the Hay Festival Kells Committee

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### Ticket Info

Tickets for events can be purchased in advance online at [www.hayfestival.org/kells](http://www.hayfestival.org/kells), or by phone via the Hay Festival Box Office on +44 (0)1497 822 629.

Tickets will also be available in advance from **Kells Chamber Office** (tel – 046 924 0081) and from **Antonia's Bookstore** in Trim (tel – 046 943 7532).

During the festival, ticket collection and sales are available at the **ticket office in Kells Theatre** on Kenlis Place. For further information on visiting Kells and the Festival, please call Kells Chamber Office.

### Join the Friends of Hay Festival Kells

For further information please contact Niamh O'Dea, by email on [kellsfriends@hayfestival.com](mailto:kellsfriends@hayfestival.com) or by phone on 046 924 0055.

### Festival Bookshop

Books by festival authors are available from Antonia's Bookstore in Trim, and from the BOOK MARKet Café in Kells. Books will also be available over the whole weekend in the Festival Bookshop (see map) and at each venue for book signings after events.

### Getting to Kells

**BY BUS** – from Dublin: Bus Aras, Route No. 109. Generally every 30 minutes until 7.30pm and every 60 minutes thereafter until 11pm. From Dublin Airport: Route No. 109A. Generally every 60 minutes at 20 past the hour; last bus at 11.20pm. Allow 90 minutes' travel time. See [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie) for detailed timetables.

**BY ROAD** – take the M3. Exit at Junction 10 for Kells. Allow 60 minutes' travel time from Dublin.

**MORE INFO** – visit [www.visitingkells.ie](http://www.visitingkells.ie) for more info on taxis, accommodation, eating & drinking.

## Venues

Please see map overleaf for the full list and location of venues.

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## SUNDAY 21 JUNE

[1] 3PM **TULLYNALLY CASTLE & GARDEN** €10\*

**Vandra Costello and Thomas Pakenham**

*Irish Demesne Landscapes, 1660–1740*

The author of *Irish Demesne Landscapes* talks about the history and development of formal gardening in Ireland in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. She describes the people who created these gardens, the influences that affected them, the materials that they employed and the uses of landscape interventions.

The talk will be followed by a tour of Tullynally Castle's garden hosted by Thomas Pakenham, author of *Meetings with Remarkable Trees, The Boer War, The Scramble for Africa and The Year of Liberty*.

*\*Own transport required.*

## WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE

[2] 7PM **THE CHAMBER, KELLS CIVIC OFFICES**

FREE ENTRY – ALL WELCOME

**Ann Meldon Hugh, Sculptor**

*Launch – A Beautiful Life*

*An Exhibition of Ceramic Sculpture*

Ann is an award-winning sculptor who lives and works in Kells, Co. Meath. She has 26 public sculptures throughout Ireland including 'Gateway to Meath', Clonee Bypass, Co. Meath; JFK, New Ross; and 'Looking to the Future', Gateway to Birr sculpture, Co. Offaly. She has a studio practice of smaller works and commissions. She works in bronze and ceramic.

*The exhibition runs Thursday 25 June–Sunday 28 June.*

*Supported by Meath County Council Arts Office*



### Venue Map

- 1 Kells Theatre – Eirigid Stage / Ticket Office
- 2 Headfort Arms Hotel – Charles Noell Stage
- 3 Church of Ireland – Carmel Naughton Stage
- 4 Festival bookshop – Antonia's Bookstore
- 5 Iona Hall – Meath County Council Stage
- 6 The BOOK MARKET Café
- 7 Kells Civic Offices / Tourist Information
- 8 Duke Brothers
- 9 The Railway Bar
- 10 Kells Chamber Office
- A Monastic Crosses & Round Tower
- B St. Colmille's House
- C Spire of Lloyd
- D Headfort House

There are a number of 'pop-up' bookshops located around the town during the festival. Ask for locations at the Ticket Office.

## THURSDAY 25 JUNE

[3] **10AM–5PM** CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €20

### American Civil War 150th Anniversary Series

2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the end of the cataclysmic American Civil War. Up to 200,000 Irish-born soldiers participated in this divisive conflict, on both sides. We mark this anniversary with a day of 45-minute lectures.

*Buy a ticket for all morning and afternoon sessions (events 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10) for just €20.*

*Sponsored by the Breslin Family, New York, in memory of their mother Eileen*

[4] **10AM** CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €4

### Damien Shiels *American Civil War Series*

Damien Shiels is author of the definitive and highly influential work *The Irish in the American Civil War*.

[5] **11AM** CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €4

### Glen Gendzel *American Civil War Series*

American historian Glen Gendzel talks about the story of California in the American Civil War.

[6] **11.30AM** OLIVER USHER AUCTION ROOMS, JOHN STREET FREE ENTRY – ALL WELCOME

### Antiquarian and Rare Book Auction

A guaranteed treasure trove for book-lovers.

Rare books, manuscripts, literature, historical memorabilia and collectables.

This auction includes the library of Carrigglass Manor, Longford, a portfolio of military documents from 1798, Lough Eske, Donegal estate papers, and much more. *On view Wednesday 24 June, 10am–6pm.*

*Phone: +353 0(46) 9241097*

*www.usberauctions.com*



[7] **12PM** CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €4

### Robert Doyle *American Civil War Series*

Robert Doyle talks about Carlow-born Civil War veteran Myles Keogh on the anniversary of his death at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876.

[8] **2PM** CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €4

### Myles Dungan *American Civil War Series*

The presenter of the RTÉ Radio 1 *History Show* highlights the life of Oldcastle Civil War veteran, the author and journalist Charles Halpine, and his hilarious creation Miles O'Reilly.

[9] **3PM** CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €4

### Tom Bartlett *American Civil War Series*

Thomas Bartlett of Aberdeen University talks about President Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War.

[10] **4PM** CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €4

### David Gleeson *American Civil War Series*

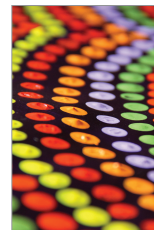
David Gleeson (*The Green and the Gray*) looks at the Irish who fought for the Confederate States of America between 1861 and 1865.

[11] **7PM** CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE FREE ENTRY – ALL WELCOME

### Launch of Kells Type Trail

This is the sixth year of the Kells Type Trail, which will see the word 'Imagine' appearing in various locations around the town. The Type Trail is a celebration of lettering as a modern art form. Start at Number 1 on the Type Trail map and follow the Trail throughout the town of Kells. At each stop you will see different variations of this year's chosen word, interpreted in a variety of art forms by artists and local community groups.

*Sponsored by Meath County Council Arts Office*



[12] **8.30PM** CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €10

### Matthew Gilsenan and Myles Dungan

*The Green, the Blue and the Gray*  
*American Civil War Series*

Myles Dungan (*How the Irish Won the West*) and Matthew Gilsenan of the Celtic Tenors join forces for a night of Irish songs of the American Civil War.

*Sponsored by Keaveny Walsh & Co. Solicitors*

## FRIDAY 26 JUNE

[13] 9.40AM MEET AT HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL FOR COACH (WALK STARTS FROM TRAILHEAD AT 10AM) €4

### Girley Bog Eco-Walk

A walk around Girley Bog, with representatives from Coillte, the Native Woodland Trust and the Irish Peatland Conservation Council, discussing their conservation and restoration work at this Natural Heritage Area. **Maurice Eakin** of the NPWS will give a recital of Seamus Heaney's 'Bogland' poem. *Tickets available at the Headfort Arms Hotel (Tourism Desk, Thurs-Sat) or at The Kells Experience, Market Street.*

[14] 10.30AM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €5

### Matt Spangler

A masterclass on theatrical adaptation from the award-winning American playwright and writer of the stage adaptation of the best-selling novel *The Kite Runner*. *Sponsored by Richard Drew & Sons Accountants*

[15] 11AM SHERIDAN'S CHEESEMONGERS, VIRGINIA ROAD STATION, POTTLEREAGH €8\*

### Catherine Cleary and Kevin Sheridan

#### *The Story of Cheese*

Catherine Cleary is an award-winning journalist and food critic. She joins Kevin Sheridan to discuss their forthcoming book covering the history of, the making of, types of, and future of – cheese! The event will include a tasting of some of Ireland's favorite cheeses. *\*Own transport required.*

[17] 12PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €9

### Lynda La Plante

The sensational *Prime Suspect*, written for Helen Mirren as DCI Jane Tennison, sealed Lynda La Plante's reputation as one of the greatest ever British crime writers. Her other screenwriting credits include *Widows*, *Trial and Retribution*, *The Commander* and *Above Suspicion*.

Lynda discusses her writings and career, and previews her new book *Tennison* (due out on 24 September), the prequel to *Prime Suspect*, which sees Jane's induction into police life and her development into the character we see portrayed on screen. Lynda talks to **Myles Dungan**.

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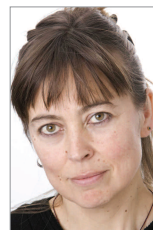


[16] 2PM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €4

### Jay Griffiths *Kith: The Riddle of the Childscape*

An examination of childhood and the freedoms of space, time and the natural world, from West Papua and the Arctic to suburban western Europe. Jay Griffiths will be the International Hay Festival Fellow for the next 12 months, visiting all our festivals around the world. Her visionary and poetic work explores her interest in nature, anthropology and art. Her books include *Wild: An Elemental Journey*, *Pip Pip: A Sideways Look at Time*, and her fictionalised hymn to Frida Kahlo, *A Love Letter from a Stray Moon*.

*In association with Arts Council Wales*

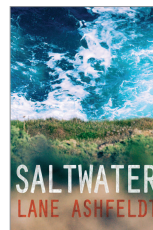


[18] 2PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €5

### Lane Ashfeldt

Lane Ashfeldt discusses the pros, cons, and practicalities of raiding history books and family stories to create fiction. The short stories in Lane's book *SaltWater* cover the century from 1918 to 2018.

*Sponsored by Wellman International*



[19] 2PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €6

### Rosanna Davison *Eat Yourself Beautiful*

Rosanna Davison talks about how she came to study nutrition. She gives us the skinny on her own diet and lifestyle, and shares her top tips from her new book *Eat Yourself Beautiful* on cutting out sugar and including more fruit and vegetables in your diet.

*Sponsored by Shanley Interiors*

[20] 3.30PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €4

### Eamon Rafter *Building Peace Worldwide*

With a background in building relationships within conflicted communities, Eamon Rafter discusses his account of the forty-year history of the Glenree Reconciliation Centre in Co. Wicklow.

[21] 3.30PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €5

### Irish Fashion: At Home and Abroad

Eddie Shanahan, Chair of the Council of Irish Fashion Designers, will talk with Sharon Wauchob, Paris-based Irish fashion designer, about the fashion industry here at home and in the international arena.

*Sponsored by ID2015*

[22] 3.30PM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €6

### Anne Chambers *TK Whitaker*

Biographer Anne Chambers talks for the first time in a public forum about her definitive account of the life and career of one of the greatest Irishmen of the 20th century: TK Whitaker, probably the country's best known and most influential public servant. She talks to Myles Dungan.

*Sponsored by Navan Ford*

[23] 5PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €5

### Happiness, The Delight-Tree

*An Anthology of Contemporary International Poetry*

Menna Elfyn (Wales), Alan Spence (Scotland), Peter Fallon and Breda Wall Ryan (Ireland) share their contribution to this unique collection of poetry honouring the United Nations International Day of Happiness.

*Supported by United Nations Society of Writers*

[24] 5PM–7PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €5

*Guth Gafa International Documentary Festival presents*

### How To Change The World: Special Screening

*Directed by Jerry Rothwell. Duration 112 minutes.*

In 1971, a group of friends sail into a nuclear test zone and their protest captures the world's imagination, giving birth to Greenpeace and defining the modern green movement.

Media savvy from the beginning, these pioneers captured their seat-of-the-pants activist adventures on 16mm film.

From this vivid archive and sly narration by Robert Hunter, an early guiding force of the organization, Jerry Rothwell has created a thrilling, sometimes terrifying film. When youthful energy comes up against the complexities of a growing organization, and idealism meets compromise, the group find their battle to save the planet forces them also to fight each other. Winner of World Cinema Documentary Jury Award for Editing, Sundance Film Festival, 2015.

Followed by a Q&A with the Director.

*Screening with kind permission of Picturehouse Entertainment*

[25] 5PM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €7

### Fintan O'Toole

*Three Irish Heresies: What We Can Salvage From the Wreckage of Irish Catholicism*

The leading author and *Irish Times* journalist Fintan O'Toole (*Ship of Fools*) argues that the future of Irish Catholicism, if it has one, lies in an ongoing thread of heresy.

*Sponsored by Nathaniel Lacy & Partners Ltd*

[26] 6.30PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €4

### John O'Halloran *Biomass to Megawatts*

John O'Halloran, Biomass Manager of Bord na Móna, takes a look at the existing and potential opportunities involved in planting willow for the renewable energy sector in Ireland.

*Sponsored by Bord na Móna*

[27] 6.30PM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €7

### Diarmaid Ferriter

*A Nation and Not a Rabble*

One of Ireland's best known historians, author of *Judging Dev*, talks about his latest work on the Irish revolutionary period *A Nation and Not a Rabble: The Irish Revolutions, 1913–23*.

*Sponsored by Thomas Clinton*



[28] 6.30PM DUKE BROTHERS, MARKET STREET €5

### Michelle Boyle and Thomas Pakenham

*Journey Towards a Likeness*

Artist Michelle Boyle details the creative process of painting Thomas Pakenham, historian, arborist and explorer. The portrait, commissioned to mark the sitter's 80th year, was created over a period of six months and depicts the sitter in his ancestral home, Tullynally Castle. Thomas will join Michelle for a Q&A session and will speak of the experience of having his portrait painted – the highs and lows of sitting to mark one's 80th year.

*Commissioned by Damien Matthews of Matthews Auction Rooms, Oldcastle*

[29] 7PM **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** FREE BUT TICKETED  
(LIMITED TO 2 TICKETS PER PERSON)

### RTÉ Radio 1 Arena LIVE

Sean Rocks, presenter of *Arena* on RTÉ Radio 1, broadcasts live from Hay Festival Kells. He chats with headline guests for RTÉ's daily arts and popular cultural show.

*Supported by RTÉ Radio 1*

[31] 8PM **CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON**  
STAGE €8

### Michael Harding

The charismatic actor, columnist and dramatist Michael Harding (*Staring at Lakes, Hanging with the Elephant*), fresh from his memorable portrayal of The Bull McCabe in John B Keane's *The Field*, reads from his many critically-acclaimed works of memoir and fiction.

*Sponsored by Michael O'Byrne Solicitors*



[32] 8PM **HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL – CHARLES NOELL**  
STAGE €14 FROM HOTEL/€15.50 ONLINE

### Fred Cooke

Kells' own funnyman, the Cooke of Kells, is returning to Hay Festival Kells. 'I can't wait to get back! Like the leaving cert, I have to do it twice.'

*Buy tickets from the Headfort Arms Hotel, tel: +353 (0)46 924 0063 or online at [www.ticketstop.ie](http://www.ticketstop.ie).*



[33] 9.30PM **THE RAILWAY BAR** FREE BUT TICKETED  
(LIMITED TO 2 TICKETS PER PERSON)

### Poetry at the Railway Bar

A light-hearted, *al fresco* evening (weather permitting) of poetry and entertainment featuring some of the festival authors.

*Sponsored by The Railway Bar*

## SATURDAY 27 JUNE

[34] 9.30AM **MEET AT HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL OR**  
9.45AM **MEET AT HEADFORT HOUSE** FOR COACH  
TRANSFER €10

### Headfort Demesne: A Summer's Walk

Escape with the Kells & District Tourism Forum in a rare chance to experience the world of Headfort Demesne through its elegant parklands and river. See the Gothic-Revival Headfort Mausoleum, the elegant 18th-century bridge by Thomas Cooley, the early 20th-century Pinetum and the Island, where members of the Headfort family are buried. The tour concludes with refreshments in the grounds of Headfort House.

*Over 18 years only. Vigorous walking in some parts – only suitable for people in a relatively fit condition.*

*Tickets available from the Headfort Arms Hotel (Tourism Desk, Thurs–Sat) or at The Kells Experience, Market Street.*

[35] 11AM **IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
STAGE €4

### Deirdre Sullivan *Nightmare Club Workshop*



Deirdre Sullivan is a ghost-writer for the *Nightmare Club* series. Deirdre will lead a workshop for readers, involving spooky collaborative storytelling and getting the children to help finish a *Nightmare Club* story that she's working on.

8+ years

*Sponsored by O'Brien's Super Valu*

[36] 11AM **KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE** €4

### Fabien Erlinghauser

#### *Cartoon Saloon presents: Song of the Sea*

Join Fabien Erlinghauser for a visually stunning presentation on the process involved in creating the Oscar-nominated animated feature film *Song of the Sea*. Including behind-the-scenes clips from the soon-to-be-released film, this is a must for anyone with a passion for animation and visual storytelling.

*Sponsored by Cartoon Saloon*





[37] 11AM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL  
NAUGHTON STAGE €4

### Bernard Meehan and Claire Breay

#### *The St Cuthbert Gospel*

Dr Bernard Meehan, Keeper of Manuscripts at Trinity College Dublin, and Dr Claire Breay, Head of Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Manuscripts at the British Library, discuss scientific investigations into this famous 8th-century manuscript since its acquisition by the British Library in 2012.

*Sponsored by Trinity College Dublin*

[38] 12.30PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL  
STAGE €4

### Matt Griffin *A Cage of Roots*

Kells-born author and illustrator Matt Griffin has garnered a global reputation for striking graphic work and poster design for various industries including publishing, advertising, music, film, animation and design. He discusses his first novel *A Cage of Roots*.

10+ years

*Sponsored by MDI Medical*

[39] 12.30PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €5

### Brian Eno, Seamus Sheridan and Andy Middleton talk to Mark Skipworth

#### *Freeganism and Food Supply*

Deputy Editor of *The Telegraph* Mark Skipworth chairs a discussion with musician, visual artist, political activist and writer Brian Eno, Seamus Sheridan of Sheridan's Cheese-mongers, and maverick thinker and social entrepreneur Andy Middleton on the increased global demand for food, the intensification of food production, food waste and Freeganism.

*Sponsored by HDS Energy Group Ltd*

[40] 12.30PM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL  
NAUGHTON STAGE €5

### Sara Baume

#### *Fictions – The New Generation*

One of the most accomplished of the new Irish women writers, Sarah Baume is a graduate of the Hennessy New Irish Writing series and won the 2014 Davy Byrnes short story prize. She discusses her debut novel *Spill Simmer Falter Wither*.

*Sponsored by DNG Royal County and John V Farrelly*

[41] 12.30PM HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL – CHARLES  
NOELL STAGE €5

### Derek Landy

The global phenomenon that is Derek Landy comes to Kells to talk about his bestselling *Skulduggery Pleasant* series, which reached its heart-stopping conclusion last year with *The Dying of the Light*. Derek might just give you a tiny hint of what is coming later this year in the first of his new trilogy of supernatural thrillers, *Demon Road*. Be afraid.

9+ years

*Sponsored by Ireland Literature Exchange*

[42] 2PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL  
STAGE €4

### Deirdre Sullivan *Workshop for Teen Readers*

The creator of the 'Prim' trilogy (*Prim Improper*, *Improper Order* and *Primperfect*). The first and third of the novels were shortlisted for the Children's Books Ireland Awards. Deirdre was also the only young adult author shortlisted for the EU Prize for Literature in 2015.

*Sponsored by O'Brien's Super Valu*

[30] 2PM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON  
STAGE €4

### Verónica Gerber Bicecci

#### *México20: Secret Lecture\**

México20 is a project created by Hay Festival, in collaboration with the British Council and Conaculta, to bring together the work of twenty young Mexican writers and promote it to an international readership. Verónica Gerber Bicecci is one of the writers featuring in the recently published *México20* anthology. Her 'Secret Lecture' is a visual and literary performance exploring the ephemeral, fragile and contradictory lexical matter of secrets; the paradoxes between telling and hiding, between keeping a secret, writing, and language. It consists of three parts:

1. A 25-minute lecture;
2. The (illegible) index cards of the lecturer; and
3. A secret.

*\*To respect its secret nature, this lecture performance can't be recorded.*

*México20 is a Hay Festival, British Council and Conaculta collaboration*



[43] 2PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €8

### Ben Okri

Booker Prize-winner Ben Okri, author of *The Famished Road*, *Astonishing the Gods* and *The Age of Magic*, reads from his recent work and talks to Sean Rocks, presenter of *Arena* on RTÉ Radio 1.  
*Sponsored by Meath County Council*



[44] 2PM HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL  
– CHARLES NOELL STAGE €5

### Mitchel McLaughlin, Jeffrey Donaldson and Ronan Fanning

#### *The Commemoration Debate*

As 2016 approaches, how should we look back at the 1916 Rising and the Battle of the Somme? Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly Mitchel McLaughlin and DUP MP Jeffrey Donaldson offer personal perspectives on the issues involved as individuals from different traditions, while UCD Emeritus Professor Ronan Fanning (*Fatal Path: British Government and Irish Revolution, 1910–22*) discusses his controversial observation that we should ‘unashamedly celebrate’ the 1916 Rising.

[45] 3.30PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL  
STAGE €4

### Fabien Erhlinghauser

#### *Character Design Workshop*

Come and learn to draw with the Animation Director of the Oscar-nominated animated feature film *Song of the Sea*.  
9–14 years

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[46] 3.30PM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL  
NAUGHTON STAGE €7

### Roy Foster

#### *Yeats and His Time*

Leading Irish historian Roy Foster, biographer of WB Yeats, talks about the Nobel Laureate on the 150th anniversary of his birth and discusses his most recent acclaimed work *Vivid Faces*, on the lives of the revolutionary generation of the 1913–23 period. Roy talks to Myles Dungan.

*Sponsored by Dermot Mulvihill*

[47] 3.30PM HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL – CHARLES  
NOELL STAGE €8

### Brian Eno *Innovations*

Brian Eno is one of the most innovative musicians of recent years. He has recorded many solo albums and collaborations with other artists, and also produced some of the best-known albums by David Bowie, Coldplay, Devo and U2, among others. He is also known as a visual artist, political activist and writer. In 2014 he released two albums in collaboration with Underworld’s Karl Hyde, *Someday World* and *High Life*. He discusses his career and the books that have influenced him, with Sinead Gleeson, presenter of *The Book Show* on RTÉ Radio 1.

*Sponsored by the Headfort Arms Hotel*

[48] 5PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL  
STAGE €4

### Fabien Erhlinghauser *Character Design Workshop*

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[49] 5PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €9

### Anne Enright

#### *Fictions – The Green Road*

Winner of the 2007 Man Booker Prize for *The Gathering*, and newly-appointed Irish Fiction Laureate, Anne will discuss and read from her latest novel *The Green Road*.  
*Sponsored by Murray Ward Accountants*



[50] 5PM CHURCH OF IRELAND  
– CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €6

### Terry Woods and Peter Fallon

#### *Music and Poetry*

An afternoon of music and poetry with Terry Woods (The Pogues, Steeleye Span) and poet Peter Fallon (*Strong My Love*) in conversation with poet and broadcaster Vincent Woods.

*Sponsored by Poetry Ireland*

[51] 6.30PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL  
STAGE €5

### Linda Ervine

Linda Ervine discusses how she brings the Irish language to the unionist population of East Belfast and how she sees the language as a unifying influence.

[52] 6.30PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €8

**Paul Durcan***The Days of Surprise*

Durcan is one of the greatest living English language poets. He is a member of Aosdána, winner of the Lifetime Achievement Irish Book Award, and is known as Ireland's most playful poet. His new collection *The Days of Surprise* contains 67 poems on topics as disparate as the weather forecast, the war in Syria, a visit to the GP's surgery, the joys of retail therapy, clampers and Seamus Heaney. Durcan's trademark humour runs throughout his poetry, with typically impish titles 'The Last Great Achill Island Volkswagen Beetle Protestant' and 'The WB Years Shopping Centre'. His award-winning works include *A Snail in my Prime*, *Praise in Which I Live and Move* and *Have My Being*.

*Sponsored by Allcare Management Services Ltd*



[53] 6.30PM HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL – CHARLES NOELL STAGE €5

**Anthony Summers and Robbyn Swan***Looking for Madeleine*

Internationally renowned investigative journalists Anthony Summers and Robbyn Swan (*The Eleventh Day: The Ultimate Account of 9/11*) return to Hay Festival Kells to talk about their 2014 bestseller *Looking for Madeleine*, about the 2007 disappearance of Madeleine McCann. Chaired by **Myles Dungan**.

*Sponsored by Rooney's HomeValue Agri & Hardware*

[54] 8PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €6

**Medal in the Drawer**

Four young men from Belfast experience the horrors of WW1. A shortened version of the drama by **Brenda Winter-Palmer**, followed by a discussion led by the author and cast. As the author puts it: 'Medal in the Drawer is not only an act of commemoration for all those Belfast men who died in the First World War. It is a reflection on which parts of history a divided society chooses to remember and which parts it chooses to forget.'

*Supported by The School of Creative Arts, Queen's University Belfast, and Living Legacies*

[55] 8PM CAUSEY FARM €20\*

**Farmfest**

Comedy, theatre, poetry, live music, céilí, BBQ, choral and drumming performances and more. With four different stages, all based around the traditional stone courtyard at Causey Farm, around 5 miles from Kells.

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[75] 9PM HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL GARDEN €25

**Boyne Valley Festive Feast**

The Boyne Valley region has firmly established a deserved reputation as a food tourism hub. Relax and unwind with the Hay Festival team in the magnificent gardens of the Headfort Arms Hotel and sample some of the best local seasonal produce, complete with musical entertainment.

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## SUNDAY 28 JUNE

[56] **10.30AM** IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €3

**Phillip Barrett** *Where's Larry?*

Phillip Barrett is an illustrator, designer and comic artist originally from Co. Donegal. Find Larry the Leprechaun in this illustration workshop, based on his book *Where's Larry?* 4–14 years

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[57] **10.30AM–12PM** KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €5

*Guth Gafa International Documentary Festival presents Screening: The Stranger*

*Directed by Neasa Ní Chianáin. Duration 80 minutes.*

A riveting and haunting documentary about Neal McGregor, a 44-year-old English artist who died in the stone shed where he lived on the small Donegal island of Inisbofin. He left behind only volumes of secret diaries and animal carvings. The Irish-speaking islanders knew little of Neal during the eight years he lived there. This is a documentary about memory and perception, a journey to capture an unusual portrait of a man, living on the edge, both physically and mentally, and the insular Irish-speaking island community he lived among. Followed by a Q&A with director Neasa Ní Chianáin.

[58] **12PM** IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €4

**Erika McGann**

Children's fiction writer Erika McGann, author of *The Demon Notebook* series, conducts a workshop for young readers and writers.

8+ years

*Sponsored by Smurfit Kappa News Press Ltd*

[59] **1.30PM** IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €4

**Ann Carroll**

The author of the *In a Nutshell* series of books about Irish folklore and historical events conducts a workshop for young readers.

6–10 years

*Sponsored by St Colmcille's (Kells) Credit Union*

[60] **1.30PM** KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €5

**Tom Dunne** *What Happens on Tour*

*Newstalk* presenter and Something Happens front man Tom Dunne talks about his 'work in progress' – an account of touring the USA with the legendary but often bizarre rock star, the late Warren Zevon.

*Sponsored by Kelly Bros. Roadliners*

[61] **1.30PM** CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €5

**Paul Murray**

The author of the inspired tragi-comic novel *Skippy Dies* (long-listed for the 2010 Man Booker Prize) reads from that book and from his soon-to-be-published *The Mark and the Void*. He talks to **Sinead Gleeson**, presenter of *The Book Show* on RTÉ Radio 1.

*Sponsored by Kells Traditional Timber Windows & Doors*



[62] **1.30PM** HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL – CHARLES NOELL STAGE €9

**Marian Keyes**

*The Woman Who Stole My Life*



Keyes' stunning new novel *The Woman Who Stole My Life* is about losing the life you had and finding a better one. Her internationally bestselling novels include *Rachel's Holiday*, *Last Chance Saloon*, *Sushi for Beginners*, *Angels*, *The Other Side of the Story*, *Anybody Out There*, *This Charming Man*, *The Brightest Star in the Sky* and *The Mystery of Mercy Close*.

*Sponsored by Dunnes The Premier House*

[63] **3PM** IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €4

**Erika McGann**

Children's fiction writer Erika McGann, author of *The Demon Notebook* series conducts a workshop for pre-teen readers.

10+ years

*Sponsored by Smurfit Kappa News Press Ltd*

[64] 3PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €6  
**Lenny Abrahamson, Ed Guiney and Malcolm Campbell** talk to Darragh Byrne

*The Creative Triangle*

The relationship between screenplay writer, producer and director has been called 'the creative triangle'. So how does power and creative control shift between members of this team? And how does this multiple authorship affect the auteur theory idea that the director is the creative author of the film? A panel discussion chaired by Darragh Byrne (*Parked*), with director Lenny Abrahamson (*Adam and Paul*, *Garage*, *Frank*), producer Ed Guiney of Element Pictures (*The Guard*, *What Richard Did*), and writer Malcolm Campbell (*What Richard Did*).

*Sponsored by Gormley Pharmacy*

[65] 3PM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €6

**Martina Devlin**

Best-selling author and journalist Martina Devlin (*Ship of Dreams*, *The Hollow Heart*) talks about the true story of eighteenth-century witchcraft and paranoia in her latest novel *The House Where it Happened*.

*Sponsored by Tommy Dowd Oil*

[66] 4.30PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €4

**Dermot McMonagle**

Dermot McMonagle is a Cavan-based historian and the author of *29 Main Street: Living With Partition*, an account of the rise of Sinn Féin from 1917.

*Sponsored by Sheridan Insurances, Cavan*

[67] 4.30PM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON STAGE €5

**John O'Donoghue** *Fools & Mad*

This follow-up to O'Donoghue's award-winning memoir, *Sectioned: A Life Interrupted* (Mind Book of the Year) addresses the economic and political issues of Ireland. An epic satire, *Fools & Mad* tells the story of twelve great Irish poets who have been incarcerated by Swift in a palatial 'House for Fools & Mad'. These men compose a jury for the 'Court of Poetry' where they try the Celtic Tiger. This striking and politically-charged poem evokes a sense of *Twelve Angry Men* meets the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

*Sponsored by University of Westminster*

[68] 4.30PM HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL – CHARLES NOELL STAGE €9

**Roddy Doyle**

The dearly treasured Booker Prize-winning novelist, screenwriter and dramatist discusses his work. His books include *The Barrytown Trilogy*, *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*, *Oh Play That Thing*, *The Woman Who Walked Into Doors* and *Two Pints*. He also co-wrote Roy Keane's memoir *The Second Half*. His stage adaptation of *The Commitments* is now running on the West End in London. In the television series *Father Ted*, the character Father Dougal Maguire's unusual sudden use of (mild) profanities is blamed on his having 'been reading those Roddy Doyle books again'. He talks to Sean Rocks, presenter of *Arena* on RTÉ Radio 1.

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[69] 6PM IONA HALL – MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL STAGE €4

**Llŷr Gwyn Lewis, Valerie Fritsch, Marco Parlato and Elske Rahill**

*Scrittura Giovani 2015 – Home*



Four writers under the age of 30 are commissioned to write a story on the same theme of 'home', each of which is then translated into Italian, German and English. The writers visit four festivals (Mantova and Berlin in September, Hay Festival Wales in May, Hay Festival Kells in June) to discuss their work.

*In collaboration with Festaletteratura, Mantova and Literaturfestival, Berlin*

[70] 6PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €5

**Anthony Summers and Robbyn Swan** *Sinatra*

On the centenary of the birth of Frank Sinatra, the authors of the biography *Sinatra: A Life* talk about the life and career of 'Old Blue Eyes', his Mafia associations, his crowded love-life and his tangled relationship with US presidents.

*Sponsored by Arc Royal*

[71] 6PM CHURCH OF IRELAND – CARMEL NAUGHTON  
STAGE €6

**Colin Barrett** *Young Skins*

One of the most compelling and distinctive new Irish voices. His sensational debut collection of short stories *Young Skins* won the 2014 Rooney Prize, Frank O'Connor Prize and Guardian First Fiction Award. Colin talks to **Christine Monk**.

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[72] 6PM HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL – CHARLES NOELL  
STAGE €6

**Kerry Hardie, Paddy Bushe, Chris Agee, Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, Moya Cannon and Seán Lysaght**

*Readings and Reflections: On Seamus Heaney*

Six leading Irish poets read from the *Irish Pages* memorial issue, 'Heaney', and reflect on the man and his work.

*Sponsored by Irish Pages*

[73] 8PM–9.45PM KELLS THEATRE – EIRGRID STAGE €5

**Screening: Parked**

A multi-award-winning first feature by Kells-based director **Darragh Byrne**, starring Colm Meaney as a man down on his luck who moves back to Ireland and, living in his car, befriends a young man and a music teacher. Introduced by the director, with **Jacqueline Kerrin** and **Dominic Wright** from Ripple World Pictures. Film starring Colm Meaney and Colin Morgan with Milka Ahlroth. 'Possibly the gentlest, sweetest movie about junkies and homelessness you're ever likely to see, Darragh Byrne's stripped-down debut brims with charm. Packing two terrific turns and an offbeat spirit, this coming-of-middle-age comedy is an unexpected treat.' – *Total Film*.

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[74] 8PM–9.30PM HEADFORT ARMS HOTEL – CHARLES NOELL STAGE €8

**Deirdre Kinahan** *Halcyon Days*

Award-winning Meath-based playwright Deirdre Kinahan talks about her work, with a reading of her tender and funny hit play *Halcyon Days* (Irish Times Best New Play, Edinburgh Fringe First) with celebrated Abbey actors **Maura Hastings** and **Des Cave**, directed by **David Horan**.

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## The Kells Experience Tours, Market Street, Kells

(Fri & Sun, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

"Follow the Footsteps of the Monks" - an hour's pleasant stroll through the Heritage Town of Kells with Lucy O'Reilly  
Cost: €3.00 per person.

## Kells Heritage Museum, Market Street, Kells

(Fri - Sun)

Items of interest collated by the Kells Archaeological & Historical Society

## Headfort Demesne: A Summer's Walk

(Sat 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) See entry in main brochure

## Spire of Loyd, The Peoples Park, Kells

(Sat & Sun, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Don't miss the chance to view several countries at 30m high from the top this 18th century lighthouse!

Entry: Donations welcome!

## Kells Heritage Art Group - Art Exhibition

Edmund Rice Centre, Farrell Street, Kells

(Sat 8:00 p.m. Official Opening, Sun open all day)

This long standing annual art exhibition will run until Sunday 5th July 2015.

## Moynalty Agricultural Museum, Moynalty, Kells

(10 min drive from town centre)

(Sun 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.)

A fascinating collection showing farming life from yesteryear.

## Sunday Festival Brunch with the Castletown Accordion Orchestra

SawMills, Church Lane, Kells

(Sun 1:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m)

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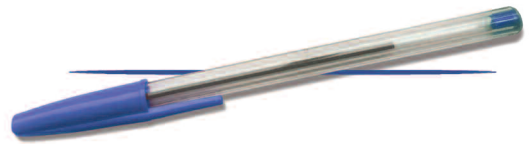
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