

Friday



BORRIS HOUSE
FESTIVAL OF WRITING & IDEAS
in association with Carlow Arts Festival

	Ballroom	Chapel	Hennessy Stage in Granary	Bookshop	Exhibition
3.30 – 4.30			FRIGHTFUL BULLY, WAYWARD GENIUS, SPOILT SUPERBRAT SIMON CALLOW'S three-volume biography of Orson Welles summarised by the author in one delightful hour, with LOUGHLIN DEEGAN .		GWEN WILKINSON Photographer HELEN ROBBINS Artist THE OLD LAUNDRY (beside Granary) • ALL DAY
5.00 – 6.00	ISRAEL – A LOSS OF MORAL COMPASS? MARTIN AMIS (<i>The Zone of Interest, Time's Arrow, House of Meetings</i>) and AYELET WALDMAN (who is editing a forthcoming collection of essays on the Israeli occupation) grapple with the contentious situation in Palestine.		1975 – ON TOUR WITH THE ROLLING STONES CHRISTOPHER SYKES , official photographer on their infamous Tour of the Americas, tells us the hilarious inside story through images and anecdote.	4.30pm SIMON CALLOW signs copies of his Orson Welles biography.	
6.15 – 7.00	SEAMUS HEANEY'S AENEID BOOK VI Read by SIMON CALLOW , introduced by CATHERINE HEANEY , and accompanied by uilleann piper DAVID POWER , who previously performed with Heaney.		I CAN ONLY TELL YOU WHAT I SEE United Nations Refugee Agency photographer GILES DULEY gives an illustrated talk about his ongoing photo-documentary, <i>Legacy of War</i> .	6pm MARTIN AMIS book signing 6pm AYELET WALDMAN book signing	
7.20 – 8.15	CHRISSIE HYNDE MEETS MICHAEL CHABON CHRISSIE HYNDE , founder of The Pretenders, in conversation with MICHAEL CHABON , Pulitzer prize-winning writer and lyric collaborator with Mark Ronson.	INDIA OF THE IMAGINATION WILLIAM DALRYMPLE (<i>The Age of Kali, City of Djinns</i>) and Pakistani novelist KAMILA SHAMSIE (<i>A God in Every Stone</i>) discuss their preconceptions and their experiences of this divided region.		7pm GILES DULEY book signing 7pm SIMON CALLOW signing Heaney's <i>Aeneid Book VI</i>	
8.30				8.20pm WILLIAM DALRYMPLE signing 8.20pm KAMILA SHAMSIE signing	The Step House Hotel FIDDLE + PIPES MARTIN HAYES , The Gloaming's powerhouse fiddle-player and DAVID POWER , one of Ireland's most accomplished uilleann pipers, go to work.
9.30					Joyce's Pub A NIGHT OF NOTIONS Presented by the Common Ground Collective and curated by LAURA QUIRKE – a programme of roots music, songwriting, poetry and storytelling.
10.15					O'Sheas Pub IT COULD GO ANY DIRECTION Titans of traditional music DAVE SHERIDAN , ERIC BUTLER , MICHELLE POWDERLY , and CIARAN SOMERS lean into the night. And some friends might drop by.

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Saturday



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11.00 – 12.00

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS: WOMEN ON THE FRONT LINE

JANINE DI GIOVANNI (award-winning foreign correspondent and Middle East Editor of *Newsweek*) and **MARY FITZGERALD** (journalist specializing in Libya) talk to **KAMILA SHAMSIE**.

12.30 – 1.30

VICTORIAN KILLERS

KATE SUMMERSCALE (*The Suspicions of Mr Whicher, The Wicked Boy: The Mystery of a Victorian Child Murderer*) and **BRUCE ROBINSON** (*They All Love Jack: Busting the Ripper*) talk with **SOPHIE GORMAN** about a time when the *Illustrated Police News* had the highest circulation of any publication in England.

2.00 – 3.00

PUNK LIFE

The Pogues' **CAIT O'RIORDAN** talks music with **LOYD GROSSMAN**.

3.30 – 4.30

GUN VIOLENCE

Investigative journalist **IAIN OVERTON** (*Gun Baby Gun*) and novelist **MARTIN AMIS** discuss the all-pervasive gun culture with **FINTAN O'TOOLE**.

5.00 – 6.00

THE BRICKS THAT BUILT THE HOUSES

KATE TEMPEST, award-winning poet, rapper and now novelist, talks about her debut novel, with **EITHNE SHORTHALL**.

6.30 – 7.30

A MOTLEY RABBLE

In a sequence of readings, **KEVIN BARRY** ('Probably the best reader of literature on the planet now' – *Wall Street Journal*) brings to life the characters from his novels, stories and monologues. And then he talks to **MARIELLA FROSTRUP**.

Chapel

"SUCCESSFUL WRITING IS A SLOW, DAILY, METICULOUS FORM OF MENTAL ILLNESS"

JOSEPH O'NEILL (*Netherland, The Dog*) and **MICHAEL CHABON** (*Telegraph Road, The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay, The Wonder Boys*) with **SINEAD GLEESON**.

LITERATURE IS MOSTLY ABOUT HAVING SEX AND NOT MUCH ABOUT HAVING CHILDREN. LIFE IS THE OTHER WAY ROUND

Novelist and essayist **AYELET WALDMAN** discusses this vexed issue with writers **DANIELLE McLAUGHLIN** and **CLAIRE KILROY**.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MIND OF A BOOK

DEBORAH LEVY (*Hot Milk, Swimming Home*) and **CLAIRE-LOUISE BENNETT** (*Pond*) share themes and obsessions with **ROB DOYLE** (*This is The Ritual*).

BLOOMSBURY CIRCUS

ALEXANDRA PRINGLE, Group Editor-in-Chief of Bloomsbury, introduces seven of their authors: **KATE SUMMERSCALE**, **ANJAN SUNDARAM**, **KAMILA SHAMSIE**, **GEORGINA HARDING**, **ROB DOYLE**, **JANINE DI GIOVANNI**, **WILLIAM DALYRMPLE** and **KATE TEMPEST**.

SOLITUDE AS MUSE

Foster child, poet and chancellor of Manchester University **LEMN SISSAY** talks to Eritrean refugee and author **SULAIMAN ADDONIA** on displacement, and the art of being alone.

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

Why the long game has gripped **LUKE HARDING** (*WikiLeaks: Inside Julian Assange's War on Secrecy*), **IAIN OVERTON** (Director of Investigations at Action On Armed Violence) and **ANJAN SUNDARAM** (renowned for his 'immersive' journalism in Central Africa). Chaired by **FINTAN O'TOOLE**.

Hennessy Stage in Granary

LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURES

Round-the-world cyclist **ROB PENN** (author of *The Man Who Made Things Out of Trees*) and maverick thinker **ANDY MIDDLETON** (founder of Adventurous Living collective TYF) 'play for the planet'.

THE MEMORY OF WAR

In **GEORGINA HARDING'S** novel, *The Gun Room*, a photographer captures a moment that is more than he can bear. She talks with war photographers **DON McCULLIN** and **GILES DULEY**.

UNPREDICTABILITY AND CAPRICE

Journalist **ANJAN SUNDARAM** (*Bad News: Last Journalists in a Dictatorship*) and author **SULAIMAN ADDONIA**, who fled a refugee camp in Sudan before writing his novel *The Consequences of Love*, discuss the dictatorships under which they have lived with **JASON McCUE**, an international lawyer who litigates against dictators 'who seem above the law'.

THE CALL TO ARMS

Novelists **LIA MILLS** (*Fallen*) and **HARRY PARKER** (*Anatomy of a Soldier*) explore the call to die for your country, and its lasting consequences for those who survive, with **SOPHIE GORMAN**.

LIVE THEATRE PERFORMANCE, STARTS 7PM BEOWULF: THE BLOCKBUSTER

Written and performed by **BRYAN BURROUGHS**. (The only production out of over 3,000 shows at the 2014 Edinburgh Festival Fringe to receive six five-star reviews.)

Bookshop

12pm Signing: **MICHAEL CHABON**
12pm Signing: **JOSEPH O'NEILL**
12pm Signing: **JANINE DI GIOVANNI**
12.45pm Reading/signing **ROB PENN**

1.35pm Signing: **BRUCE ROBINSON**
1.35pm Reading/signing **KATE SUMMERSCALE**
2.15 Reading/signings: **GEORGINA HARDING**,
AYELET WALDMAN,
CLARE KILROY,
DANIELLE McLAUGHLIN

3.20pm Signing: **ANJAN SUNDARAM**
3.20pm Signing: **SULAIMAN ADDONIA**
3.45pm Signings: **DEBORAH LEVY**,
CLAIRE LOUISE BENNETT

4.30pm Signing: **MARTIN AMIS**, **DON McCULLIN**
and **IAIN OVERTON**
4.50pm Readings: **LIA MILLS** and **HARRY PARKER**
followed by **ANNA HOGAN** (6th year student, Borris Vocational School) will read her short story *Death in Ireland* (shortlisted for the Hot Press Write Here Write Now award and inspired by Lia Mills).

6.00pm Signing: **KATE TEMPEST**
6.20pm Reading and signing **SULAIMAN ADDONIA**
and **LEMN SISSAY**
6.45pm Signing: **DEBORAH LEVY**,
VIV ALBERTINE, **AYELET WALDMAN**,
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AFGHANISTAN

RORY STEWART, who walked across Afghanistan and founded The Turquoise Mountain Foundation, talks with historian **WILLIAM DALRYMPLE**, author of *Return of a King: The Battle for Afghanistan*.

IMAGES OF CONFLICT

The great photojournalist, **DON McCULLIN**, talks to journalist and presenter **MARIELLA FROSTRUP** about his life's work.

5X15 5 SPEAKERS, 15 MINUTES EACH

DEBORAH LEVY (on The Star Man – David Bowie),
AYELET WALDMAN (on LSD microdosing),
HYEONSEO LEE (on defecting from North Korea) and
RIVKA GACHEN (on Difficult Neighbours) and surprise guest.

Joyce's Pub

SEAMUS, PAUL & KIWI SEAN

10pm A trio of local folk musician friends; a dark pub.

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DRIFTING INTO THE ARENA OF THE UNWELL

One of cinema's more enigmatic figures, director and writer **BRUCE ROBINSON** (*Withnail & I* and *The Killing Fields*) talks to **DOMINIC WEST** (*The Wire*, *The Affair*).

Chapel

GRANTA MAGAZINE THE IRISH ISSUE

Featuring **SARA BAUME**, **LUCY CALDWELL**, and **DONAL RYAN**, introduced by *Granta* deputy editor **LUKE BROWN**.

Hennessy Stage in Granary

THE HOLY MOUNTAIN REVISITED

WILLIAM DALRYMPLE travels in the Byzantine world from the shores of the Bosphorus to the sand dunes of Egypt.

Bookshop

12pm **TOM MORRIS'S READING HOUR**

4 curated readings: **CLAIRE-LOUISE BENNETT**, **GAVIN CORBETT**, **LISA MCINERNEY**, **DEBORAH LEVY**, **RIVKA GACHEN**

12pm signing *Granta* Authors

1pm **TWO POETS**

SIMON LEWIS, winner of the 2015 Hennessy Award for Emerging Poetry reads from his first collection *Jewtown*; and American poet **RACHAEL MENNIES** (*The Glad Hand of God Points Backwards*) responds.

1.40pm signing: **JANINE DI GIOVANNI**

1.50pm **THE LONG GAZE BACK**

SINÉAD GLEESON (editor) introduces **LUCY CALDWELL**, **LISA MCINERNEY**, **LIA MILLS** who each select a piece of music as context for their reading.

3pm Signings: **JOHN BANVILLE**,
CHRISTOPHER SYKES

3.15pm Signings **CONOR O'CLERY**, **LUKE HARDING**

4.30pm Readings and Signings: **GAVIN CORBETT**,
JOSEPH O'NEILL, **DONAL RYAN**,
SULAIMAN ADDONIA,
GILES DULEY

5.45pm Signings: **MARTIN AMIS**,
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UNLEASH THE MAVERICKS

'Work with purpose & find your own luck', a workshop with **ANDY MIDDLETON**, who will explain why we need to put our values at the heart of what we do.

12.30 – 1.30

BUILDING A REPUBLIC - 1916 IRELAND / 2016 AFGHANISTAN

FINTAN O'TOOLE, columnist and literary editor, and **RORY STEWART**, author, diplomat and documentary maker.

JUSTICE AND CONFLICT

Human rights lawyer **JASON McCUE** and war correspondent **JANINEDI GIOVANNI** (*The Morning they Came for Us: Dispatches from Syria*) discuss the inadequacies of legal action on global armed violence.

TALKING ABOUT FILM: FLORENCE

STEPHEN FREARS (director of *Philomena*, *The Queen*, *The Van*, *Dangerous Liaisons*) discusses his craft and introduces clips from his new film *Florence Foster Jenkins*. In conversation with **SEÁN ROCKS**, presenter of *Arena* on RTÉ Radio.

ARTISTS' BIOGRAPHIES

CHRISTOPHER SYKES on David Hockney (1937–) and **LOYD GROSSMAN** on Benjamin West (1738–1820), discuss their highly acclaimed if very different subjects. They'll hardly draw breath.

2.00 – 3.00

RUSSIA... A WARMER COLD WAR

LUKE HARDING (*Guardian* correspondent in Russia until he was suddenly deported) talks Litvinenko and being 'an enemy of Putin' with **CONOR O'CLERY** (former *Irish Times* Moscow correspondent).

BECOMING JOHN BANVILLE

Booker-prize winner **JOHN BANVILLE** talks about what informs and inspires his writing with Pakistani novelist, **KAMILA SHAMSIE**.

3.30 – 4.30

BLURRED LINES

DONAL RYAN (*The Spinning Heart*, *The Thing About December*) talks to **VINCENT WOODS** about his craft, his new novel, and the complex nature of the boundaries between Traveller and 'mainstream' society.

NEW YORK LOVE LETTER

JOSEPH O'NEILL (*Neverland*, *The Dog*) and **GAVIN CORBETT** (*This is the Way*, *Green Glowing Skull*) with **SEÁN ROCKS**, presenter of *Arena* on RTÉ Radio 1.

REFUGEES, THE HUMAN COST

Novelist **SULAIMAN ADDONIA**, who fled Sudan, talks with **GILES DULEY**, photo-documentary maker who recently covered the refugee crisis in Lesbos and Jordan.

4:45 – 5.45

CREATIVE MIND SERIES / US EMBASSY

Two friends, two great writers – **MICHAEL CHABON** and **MARTIN AMIS** – sit down together and talk about sustaining curiosity and feeding the imagination.

DEFECTING FROM NORTH KOREA

Author of *The Girl with Seven Names*, **HYEONSEO LEE**, tells **OLIVIA O'LEARY** about the Orwellian nightmare that North Koreans face.