



THE BORRIS HOUSE HAY FESTIVAL

Saturday 9th June and Sunday 10th June

Borris House, Borris, Co. Carlow

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The maiden voyage of a landmark collaboration with the world-renowned Hay Festival, this weekend brings together leading international writers with the finest Irish scribes for a two-day feast of talk, memoir, fiction, debate, film, comedy and reading. Curated by Eleanor O’Keeffe of London’s ‘5x15’ and Vivienne Guinness, it promises to introduce some new faces into our festival calendar, and nourish an exchange of ideas between Irish and overseas writers.

Saturday 9th June

Ballroom at Borris House

1.30pm

Gerard Smyth opens the Festival, recites from his latest works, and introduces **Kerry Hardie** who presents her forthcoming collection **The Ash and the Oak and the Wild Cherry Tree**, accompanied by David Power on uilleann pipes.

3pm

Colm Toibin takes his latest book **New Ways to Kill Your Mother** as the basis of a presentation on famous writers’ relationships to their families.

4.30pm

Craig Brown talks about the 101 meetings that make up his new book **One on One**, and presents his own parodic **One-Stop Literary Festival**.

6pm

Comedy writer producer **John Lloyd** (**Spitting Image, Blackadder, QI**) in conversation with **Sean Hardie** (**Bremner, Bird & Fortune, Not the Nine O’Clock News**)

Chapel at Borris House

3.45pm

Journalist and filmmaker **Ben Anderson** (**Holidays in the Axis of Evil**)

meets **Fintan O’Toole** to discuss his gripping account of the Afghanistan war in Helmand province, **No Worse Enemy**, and his latest assignments.

5.15pm

Award-winning Irish playwright and Aosdána member **Marina Carr** will talk about her work with **Loughlin Deegan**, Director of The Lir, and will read from some of her plays.

7pm

Leviathan, a public conversation with leading commentators which informs, entertains and engages, through satire, comedy, and music.

**This event will be immediately followed by a reception to launch of Kerry’s book, to which all are welcome.*

In association with





Mike Scott

Anne Enright

Craig Brown

Sean Hardie

William Dalrymple

Stephen Frears

Kerry Hardie

John Banville



Colm Toibin

John Lloyd

Katie Hickman

Ben Anderson

AC Grayling

Sunday 10th June

Ballroom at Borris House

1.15pm

Booker-prize winner **Anne Enright** (**The Gathering**) will talk about her career as a novelist, essayist and short story writer, drawing from her most recent work **The Forgotten Waltz**.

2.45pm

Novelist and screenwriter **John Banville** gives audiences a sneak preview from his forthcoming novel **Ancient Light** (to be published July 5th).

4.15pm

5x15 Stories: 'Nomadic Lives' **Fernanda Eberstadt**, **Katie Hickman**, **Perry Ogden**, **Aoife Kavanagh** and **Lionel Shriver** all talk passionately for fifteen minutes on a subject of their choice.

5.45pm

Oscar-nominee and film director **Stephen Frears** (**Dangerous Liaisons** (1988), **The Van** (1996), **High Fidelity** (2000), **The Queen** (2006), talks to **Dr. Orla Ryan**.

7.15pm

Waterboys frontman **Mike Scott** reads from his memoir, **Adventures of a Waterboy** (2012), and gives an interview about his career.

Chapel at Borris House

12pm

Philosopher and novelist **AC Grayling** gives a sermon on **The Good Book** from the pulpit of the Chapel.

1.30pm

American author and journalist and Orange-prize winner **Lionel Shriver** (**We Need To Talk About Kevin**), will talk about her latest book **So Much For That**.

3pm

Novelist & 'former ex-poet' **Blake Morrison** reads from his memoir about his Kerry-born mother (**Things My Mother Never Told Me**) and his recent novel **The Last Weekend**, which is currently being filmed for television, and talks about a writer's life.

4.30pm

Best-selling novelist and travel writer **Katie Hickman** talks about **The Aviary Gate** Series, reading from **The Pindar Diamond** talking about the forthcoming **A Winter Tale**.

6pm

Travel writer and historical novelist **William Dalrymple** dramatises passages from his novel **The Last Mughal** to the accompaniment of North Indian vocalist **Vidya Shah**.

Booking

Tickets to all events are €9 and must be booked through the GB Shaw Theatre on 059 9172400 or www.gbshawtheatre.ie. Picnics are welcome at Borris, and lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase all day.

Parking is provided free of charge. Doors open 45 minutes before the first talk each day.

Note: There are bound to be minor changes to the programme, these can be checked on www.eigsecarlow.ie or by calling 059-9140491

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