



BORRIS HOUSE FESTIVAL of WRITING & IDEAS 2013

Saturday June 8 and Sunday 9 June
Borris House, Borris, County Carlow

www.festivalofwritingandideas.com

The Borris House Festival of Writing and Ideas this year will build on the maiden voyage of 2012 in which Colm Toibín, Lionel Shriver, John Banville, Stephen Frears, Mike Scott, AC Grayling and others visited the small village of Borris. The weekend of 8 and 9 June this year promises to bring together some of the most intriguing international minds – novelists, journalists, film-makers, poets, theatre directors, war correspondents, biographers, artists and political commentators – for a weekend of dialogue and discussion.

Saturday June 8th *(Doors open at 11.15am)*

12pm Launching his new novel *Longing and Belonging*, writer, broadcaster and restaurant critic **Paolo Tullio** discusses his life with theatre director **Michael Colgan**

12pm **Peter Somerville-Large** delves into his novel *Mixed Blessings* with **Turtle Bunbury**

1.30pm **Paul Murray** reads from his novel *Skippy Dies*, and from his recent short stories, before discussing his work with broadcaster **Olivia O'Leary**

1.30pm 'A place worth saving': **Selina Guinness** (*The Crocodile by the Door*), writer and broadcaster **Polly Devlin** and author **Robert O'Byrne** on whether rural conservation is about romance or agriculture

3pm Internationally known photojournalist **Don McCullin** CBE, discusses his life as a war photographer with Amnesty International Ireland Director and author **Colm O'Gorman**

3pm *Bad Day in Blackrock* author **Kevin Power** sits down with **Lenny Abrahamson** who directed *What Richard Did* (2012), a film adaptation of his book

4.30pm Literary giant **Martin Amis** (*Money, London Fields, Lionel Asbo*) joins **Sinead Gleeson** (Journalist and broadcaster) for a conversation on his career

4.30pm Bluegrass legend and Blackstairs Mountains resident **Niall Toner** launches his book *The Nuts and Bolts of Songwriting*, giving the audience a live demonstration of his teachings, and chats to **Caitríona Ní Mhurucu**

6pm *The Boy with the Striped Pyjamas* author **John Boyne** reads from his new book *This House is Haunted*

6pm A candid discussion on war journalism by three of its most admired practitioners, photographers **Giles Duley** and **Don McCullin** and documentary-maker **Ben Anderson**

7.30pm '5x15 Stories' brings together five passionate speakers, each with 15 minutes to talk about anything they want to: **Isabel Fonseca**, author of *Bury Me Standing*, **Colm O'Gorman**, Amnesty chief, **John Butler**, filmmaker, **Rick Stroud**, television director, and a **Surprise Guest**

8.15pm A recital by guitarist **Mark Anthony McGrath**

9.45pm **Liam Ó Maonlaí** takes to the stage for a solo performance of his myriad musical talents

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Curated by Vivienne Guinness, Eleanor O'Keeffe, Catherine Heaney and Hugo Jellett

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 Kevin Power Paul Murray Isabel Fonseca, Paolo Tullio Martin Amis Niall Toner Anne Enright

Sunday June 9th (Doors open at 11.15am)

12pm Sunday Assembly, a godless service for a congregation who wants to live better, help often and wonder more. With **Sanderson Jones** and company

12pm Peter Murphy (*Shall We Gather at The River*) and **Paul Lynch** (*Red Sky in Morning*) get stuck into each other's books, chew the cud on music, films and writing

1.30pm Musician **PJ Harvey** discusses her music and life with novelist **Anne Enright**



1.30pm Journalist **John Lanchester**, author of *Whoops! Why Everyone Owes Everyone and No One Can Pay* and *Capital*, and **Donal Ryan** whose novel *The Spinning Heart* is set during the fallout of Ireland's financial collapse, talk with **Fintan O'Toole**

3pm One of Africa's foremost poets and novelists **Ben Okri** (*The Famished Road*) takes to the stage for an interview with musician and songwriter **Liam Ó Maonlai**

3pm Selina Hastings, who has written biographies of Nancy Mitford, Evelyn Waugh, Rosamond Lehmann and

Somerset Maugham, talks with **Polly Devlin** about Evelyn Waugh and The Mitfords

4.30pm Contemporary conceptual artist and painter **Michael Craig Martin** sits down with art critic **Aidan Dunne** to chat about his career as an artist and teacher

4.30pm Booker Prize novelist **Anne Enright** returns to Borris to talk about her writing, motherhood and 'houses as female spaces' with **Selina Guinness**

6pm No Worse Enemy author **Ben Anderson** returns to Borris to discuss unfinished business in Afghanistan with **Fintan O'Toole**

6pm Renowned visual artist **Dorothy Cross** discusses her work in film, sculpture, photography and other media.

7.30pm Irish premiere of **Sean Hardie's** hilarious new play *Margaret and Ken and the End of the World*, directed by **Ron Bain** and starring Anne Lacey and Greg Powrie.



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Booking

Booking and information:

Tickets to talks are individually priced, starting at €9 and almost all of them at around the €10 mark. They can be booked in person at the George Bernard Shaw Theatre, on the phone at 059 9172400 or online at www.gbshawtheatre.ie. Lunch and refreshments are available for purchase from stalls all day.

Note: There are bound to be minor changes to the programme, these can be checked on www.festivalofwritingandideas.com

Parking for all ticket holders will be free, but for everyone else will be €4 per vehicle or €2 per person to enter the grounds. All talks are very limited in capacity, we strongly advise you not to set out from home expecting to buy a ticket at the gate – book ahead, it is cheaper anyway.

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