



SCHEDULE



BORRIS HOUSE
FESTIVAL OF WRITING & IDEAS
June 9th - 11th, 2017.



FRIDAY	HENNESSY BALLROOM	CHAPEL	GRANARY
5.00 - 5.50	THE CLIMATE CHANGE EXCHANGE: Sir Tim Smit , robust environmentalist and entrepreneur behind the Lost Gardens of Heligan and Eden Project, and former president Mary Robinson , whose foundation focuses on climate justice, in conversation.		
6.00 - 6.55		PARODY: Paul Howard (aka Ross O'Carroll Kelly) and Jon Canter (comic novelist and scriptwriter for such comedy giants as Lenny Henry and Dawn French) talk to Kevin Gildea about finding funny voices.	THE SILK ROADS: Bestselling author Peter Frankopan argues that the way we look at the past needs to fundamentally change – and needs to start with the silk road.
7.15 - 8.20	EX MACHINA: Florence Welch (Florence + the Machine) reads from a selection of her favorite poems and lyrics, and talks with Fiachna Ó Braonáin (broadcaster and Hothouse Flower) about her career.	LIKE A FAMILY WOULD: Claire Keegan (Foster) and Lemn Sissay (Something Dark) navigate stories of love, loss and survival in unexpected places.	WHAT TERRORISTS WANT: Professor Louise Richardson , political scientist and specialist on terrorism, talks about terrorism today with Maajid Nawaz , British activist and former political prisoner in Egypt.

SATURDAY	Bookshop	Step House
11.00 - 12.00		REFLECTIONS ON LEADERSHIP: Mary Robinson , former President and UN Human Rights commissioner, and Oxford University Vice Chancellor Professor Louise Richardson in conversation.
12.30 - 1.30	12.10 Maggie O'Farrell signing 12.10 Paul Howard signing 1.40 Max Porter signing 1.40 Mike McCormack signing	THE WORLD'S GREATEST AD MAN: Groundbreaking advertising creative Sir John Hegarty (the brains behind the 80s Levi's ad, Audi's Vorsprung durch Technik slogan, the Lynx effect) speaks to Dublin ad man John Stanistreet .
2.00 - 3.00	INSPIRING COLLABORATIONS: Writer and director Enda Walsh (Lazarus and Ballyturk) and actor Stephen Rea talk remarkable partnerships with Loughlin Deegan .	LOVERS OF A CERTAIN AGE: Eimear McBride (The Lesser Bohemians) and Karl Geary (Montpelier Parade) on their protagonists' passion for older lovers.
3.30 - 4.30	GENRE, HUMOUR AND FICTIONAL SELVES: Geoff Dyer (White Sands) in conversation with William Sutcliffe (The Wall).	2.15 OUR YOUNG MAN: Edmund White reads from his latest novel and takes questions (€5 / 25 minutes)
5.00 - 6.00	HOUSE OF NAMES: Colm Tóibín reads from his new novel and talks about what inspired him to write it.	THE OLD DOG AND THE YOUNG PUP: Michael Harding (Talking to Strangers) and Garrett Carr (The Rule of the Land: Walking Ireland's Border) talk across the generations.
6.30 - 7.30	HE'S NOT LIKE OTHER GIRLS: Jeffrey Eugenides (Middlesex) talks with Florence Welch (Florence + The Machine).	3.10 CITY OF FRIENDS: Joanna Trollope reads from her latest novel and takes questions (€5 / 25 minutes) 3.10 Eimear McBride signing 3.10 Karl Geary signing 3.15 Garrett Carr signing 3.15 Michael Harding signing
SUNDAY		
11.00 - 12.00	STORYTELLING MAESTROS: Maggie O'Farrell (This Must Be The Place), Joanna Trollope (City Of Friends) and Eimear McBride (The Lesser Bohemians) interviewed by Max Porter (Grief is the Thing with Feathers).	WHAT DOES RODDY DOYLE'S IRELAND LOOK LIKE? Angela Scanlon asks life-long Dubliner Roddy Doyle (The Van, Dead Man Talking) the big Irish questions.
12.30 - 1.30	THE WIRE: David Simon (series creator) and Dominic West (who played McNulty) revisit the Baltimore drama.	4.40 Geoff Dyer signing 4.40 Sam Coll signing 4.45 Roddy Doyle signing
2.00 - 3.00	POETRY AT BORRIS: Paula Meehan introduces a new annual poetry event, sponsored by the T.S. Eliot Foundation. Paula will read from and discuss her work with Niall MacMonagle . This will be preceded by Dominic West reading T.S. Eliot's 'Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock'.	6.00 Colm Toibin signing 6.00 Eimear McBride signing 6.00 Karl Geary signing
3.30 - 4.30	A MASTER OF LANGUAGE: Sebastian Barry (Days Without End) meets Max Porter (Grief is the Thing with Feathers) to discuss fiction and theatre, language and history.	12.00 TALKING TO STRANGERS: Michael Harding reads from his memoirs and takes questions. (€5 / 25 minutes)
4:45 - 5.45	THREE GIANTS OF CONTEMPORARY FICTION: Jeffrey Eugenides (Fresh Complaint), Colm Tóibín (House of Names) and Richard Ford (Let Me Be Frank With You). US EMBASSY CREATIVE MIND SERIES.	NORTH, SOUTH AND THE BORDERLAND: Colm Tóibín (Walking along the Border) and Garrett Carr (The Rule of the Land) discuss the new European frontier with Fintan O'Toole .
	WRITING GONE MAD: Berlin-based American novelist Nell Zink (Nicotine, Misland) talks to arts broadcaster Kevin Gildea .	WHERE ARE WE GOING?: Rob Doyle (Here Are the Young Men) interviews the writer and critic Geoff Dyer (White Sands) about fact and fiction, life and art.
		BETWEEN TWO BOOKS: The first formal meeting of an international book club with over 72,000 members, started in 2012 in Dublin with the involvement of Florence Welch . They select Eimear McBride 's new book The Lesser Bohemians as their summer choice, and invite the author to join Florence and club founders to chat.
	HIGH-RISK RELATIONSHIPS: Eithne Shortall (Love in Row 27), Sally Rooney (Conversations with Friends) and Elske Rahill (Between Dog and Wolf) in conversation with Rob Doyle (Here Are the Young Men).	3.10 Signings: Paula Meehan, Artemis Cooper, Margaret MacMillan, Colm Toibin and Garret Carr. 4.00 TEETHMARKS ON MY TONGUE: Irish Times Chief Literary Critic Eileen Battersby reads extracts from her first novel (€5 / 25 minutes)
	LAZY SINCE THE DAY I WAS BORN: Jennifer Johnston (The Old Jest), explores her 'worst' characteristic with podcaster and journalist Roisin Ingle .	4.30 Signings: Sebastian Barry, Eithne Shorthall, Sally Rooney, Elske Rahill and Laura Lippman.

