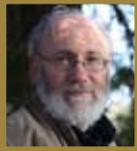


Kildare Readers Festival 2010

PROGRAMME
OF EVENTS



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Dermot Bolger was born in Dublin in 1959. His nine novels include *The Journey Home* and *The Family on Paradise Pier*. His award-winning plays have been staged in many countries.

A poet who has published seven volumes of poetry, he has edited many anthologies, including *The Picador Book of Contemporary Irish Fiction*.

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Time: 12.00 - 13.30

Date: Sunday, 16th May

Time: 11.00 - 12.30

Venue: The Ballroom,
The Osprey Hotel



Laura Jane Cassidy is a 23 year-old writer from Naas. She is writing a series of books that follow the story of Jacki King, a teenage girl who uses her paranormal powers to help solve cases of missing women. Puffin Ireland are publishing the first novel in the series, *Angel Kiss*, in early 2011.

<http://laurajanecassidy.blogspot.com>

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Venue: The Merlin Suite,
The Osprey Hotel

Time: 12.00 - 13.00



John Connolly was born in Dublin in 1968. His debut *Every Dead Thing*, swiftly launched him right into the front rank of thriller writers. He is the first non-American writer to win

the *US Shamus Award*. In 2007 he was awarded the *Irish Post Award for Literature*. His next novel, *The Whisperers*, will be published in May 2010.

www.johnconnollybooks.com

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James Durney was born in Naas, and has lived there all his life. James has written eight books on national and local history, from subjects as diverse as social housing and Irish-American gangsters. Two of his books have formed the basis of television documentaries: RTÉ's *War Stories Korea* and TG4's *Mobs Mhericeá*, both of which he worked on as a consultant.

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Patricia Groves is a successful screenwriter, whose Irish Film Board-funded short comedy *Rapunzel – The Blonde Years*, screened at film festivals around the world in 2008 and 2009.

She was born in Bristol and lives in Maynooth, County Kildare. She works in Trocaire as a Campaigns Officer.

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Claire Keegan is an exceptionally gifted writer of contemporary fiction. Her first collection of short stories, *Antarctica*, won the *Rooney Prize for Literature*.

Her second, *Walk the Blue Fields*, won her the 2008 *Edge Hill Prize for Short Stories* amid enormous critical acclaim. Other awards include *The Francis McManus Award*; *The William Trevor Prize*; *The Los Angeles Times Book of the Year*.

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Brian Keenan was born in Belfast in 1950. His books include *An Evil Cradling* (1992), his superbly written account of his experiences of being held hostage for four and a half years

in the Lebanon, *Turlough* (2000), *Four Quarters of Light: An Alaskan Journey* (2004) and *I'll Tell My Ma: A Belfast Memoir*.

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Professor Robert Kitchin is a lecturer in Human Geography and a research associate of NIRSA at NUI, Maynooth. He is the author of *Cyberspace* and co-author of *Mapping Cyberspace*. He

has recently published his first novel, *The Rule Book* a crime story set in and around Dublin. To quote Joe Duffy, "One of the most unusual crime novels to come out of Ireland in recent times."

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Mae Leonard is a former winner of the *Gerard Manley Hopkins Poetry Award* and the *Cecil Day Lewis Award for Poetry and Prose*. She contributes regularly to *Sunday Miscellany* and *Lyric FM Quiet*

Quarter. Mae is currently facilitating a Creative Writing Workshop with Kildare Library & Arts Service. A native of Limerick, she has lived and worked in Naas for more than 40 years.

Date: Saturday, 15th May

Venue: Departing from
Naas Library

Time: 12.00 – 13.00



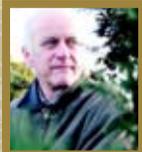
Martin Malone Born in Dublin and brought up in Kildare, Martin Malone served in the Irish Army for over 20 years. He is the author of 4 novels and a memoir. He won RTÉ's *Francis*

MacManus Short Story Award in 2004, and is currently completing a M.Phil in Creative Writing at Trinity College Dublin.

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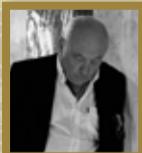
John MacKenna who grew up in Castledermot, is a playwright and novelist. He is the author of four novels, three collections of short stories, a volume of poetry and a

biography of Ernest Shackleton as well as several plays. Among the awards his books have won are the *Irish Times Fiction Award* and the *Cecil Day Lewis Award*.

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John Minihan is one of Ireland's most distinguished photographers, especially noted for his portraits of writers. Raised in Athy, he went to London at the age of 12 and became

the youngest staff photographer for the *Evening Standard*. For thirty years he returned to Athy every year to record the people and their daily lives.

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Stuart Neville's first novel, *The Twelve*, was one of the most critically acclaimed crime debuts of recent years. Its American edition was selected as one of the best crime novels of 2009 by *The New York Times*, and was nominated for the *LA Times* Book Prize. The sequel, *Collusion*, will be published in August 2010.

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 The Osprey Hotel
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Joseph O'Connor was born in Dublin. He is the author of *Cowboys and Indians*, *Desperadoes*, *The Salesman*, *Inishowen*, *Redemption Falls* and *The Secret World of the Irish Male*. His novel *Star of the Sea* was an international bestseller, selling more than a million copies. He was recently voted 'Irish Writer of the Decade' by the readers of *Hot Press* magazine. His next novel *Ghost Light* will be published in June.

Date: Friday, 14th May
 Venue: Time Nightclub,
 The Osprey Hotel
 Time: 19.00 – 21.00



Sheila O'Flanagan Prior to writing full time Sheila pursued a very successful career in financial services. She also contributed a widely read financial column to *The Irish Times*. All of

her novels have been No. 1 bestsellers and over 5 million copies of her books have been sold. Her work has been translated into more than 23 languages.

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 The Osprey Hotel
 Time: 10.30 – 11.30



Dermot Somers
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Date: Saturday, 15th May
 Venue: The Fulmar Suite,
 The Osprey Hotel
 Time: 14.30 – 15.30

Travel, Adventure, People...

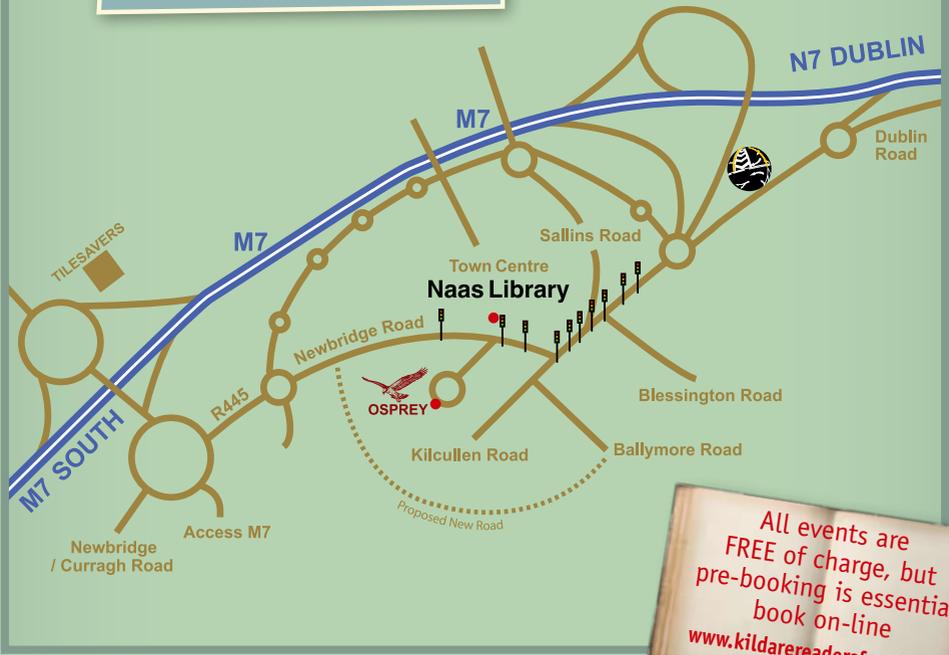
An illustrated talk (bilingual). Dermot Somers, writer, TV presenter, mountaineer, will present a selection of adventurous journeys.

EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Friday, 14th May		
Mayor's Festival Reception	18.00 – 18.30	Time: bar and venue
Festival opening event with Joseph O'Connor <i>The Proposal</i> by Anton Chekhov Devise and Conquer Theatre Company	19.00 – 21.00	Time: bar and venue
Saturday, 15th May		
Sheila O'Flanagan in conversation with Julie Duane	10.30 – 11.30	Ballroom Osprey Hotel
Kildare Author Panel: Readings from John MacKenna, Patricia Groves and Rob Kitchin with Dermot Bolger	12.00 – 13.30	Ballroom Osprey Hotel
Laura Cassidy reads from her debut novel and talks to Linda Geraghty about her career as a writer	12.00 – 13.00	Merlin Suite Osprey Hotel
The International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award with Cathy McKenna - A guide to the contenders in 2010	12.00 – 13.00	Fulmar Suite Osprey Hotel
A Walking Tour with Mae Leonard	12.00 – 13.00	Departing from Naas Library
War and Conflict: The Kildare Experience – James Durney and Martin Malone with Local Studies Librarian, Mario Corrigan	14.30 – 16.00	Ballroom Osprey Hotel
The Short Story: Readings with Claire Keegan	14.30 – 15.30	Merlin Suite Osprey Hotel
Dermot Somers reads from his novel <i>Ar Muir is ar Sliabh</i>	14.30 – 15.30	Fulmar Suite Osprey Hotel
Presentation of Cecil Day Lewis Literary Bursary Award by Claire Keegan	16.00 – 16.30	Merlin Suite Osprey Hotel
Stories for the Ear presented by Neil Donnelly	16.00 – 17.00	Fulmar Suite Osprey Hotel
The Proposal by Anton Chekhov Devise and Conquer Theatre Company	18.00 – 18.30	Ballroom Osprey Hotel
John Connolly reads and is interviewed by Stuart Neville	19.30 – 21.00	Ballroom Osprey Hotel
Sunday, 16th May		
Beckett & Beirut, Belfast & Athy: Dermot Bolger in conversation with Brian Keenan and John Minihan	11.00-12.30	Ballroom The Osprey Hotel

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THE FRINGE FESTIVAL

Artists Books Exhibition

Following on from Andi Mc Garry's bookmaking workshop for artists (8th May), Naas Library will host an exhibition of artists' books from Mc Garrys own collection.

Date: Tuesday, 11th May -
Saturday, 15th May

Venue: The Gallery, Naas
Community Library, Naas,
Co. Kildare



Andi Mc Garry is a Wexford based visual artist. He initiated the inaugural Wexford Artist Book Symposium in 2005, in association with Wexford Co. Co., Wexford Arts Centre and Sculptors Society of Ireland. He has delivered book making workshops in venues such as the National Print Museum, Dublin.

The Proposal by Anton Chekhov

A devise+conquer theatre company production | Directed by Fiona White

The Proposal is a one-act farce by Anton Chekhov, written in 1888-1889 and first performed in 1890. Chekhov wrote a number of short farces which were very popular at the time. *The Proposal* is a fast-paced play of dialogue-based action and situational humour.

The International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award

This award, which is managed by Dublin City Libraries, aims to promote excellence in world literature. Novels written in any language and by authors of any nationality, published in English or English translation in the specified time period, qualify. Nominations are submitted by library systems throughout the world. Over 200 library systems worldwide have nominated books for the award since its inception in 1996.

Stories for the Ear

Inspired and directed by Neil Donnelly, Kildare Co. Co. Arts Service initiated a pilot project to record, for broadcast, a series of short stories by Kildare writers in 2009. The stories are available on www.kildare.ie/artsservice as a showcase for established and new writers. The Readers Festival presents the 2009 recordings and the 2010 call for submissions.



Neil Donnelly is a writer and was Programme Director of the *Aidan Higgins at 80* Festival at Celbridge Abbey in 2007.

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