

Kildare Readers Festival 2011

PROGRAMME
OF EVENTS



Kildare
County Council

Peter Murphy in conversation with Maria Doyle Kennedy

DATE: Friday, May 13th TIME: 19.30 - 21.00

VENUE: Riverbank Arts Centre ADMISSION: €5.00

Peter Murphy (pictured right) is a writer, musician and journalist from Co. Wexford. His first novel *John the Revelator* has been nominated for the 2011 IMPAC award and shortlisted for the 2009 Costa Book Award. One of Ireland's most respected arts writers, his journalism has been published in *Rolling Stone*, *Music Week* and *The Irish Times*. A regular guest on RTÉ's arts show *The View*, he currently serves as contributing editor with Dublin's *Hot Press* magazine.



Maria Doyle Kennedy, IFTA award winning actress (*The Tudors*, *Dexter*, *The Commitments*) and singer/musician, joins Peter in conversation about books, murder ballads, music and film.



Kevin Barry

DATE: Saturday, May 14th TIME: 11.00 - 12.30

VENUE: Riverbank Arts Centre ADMISSION: €5.00

Kevin Barry's first novel, *City of Bohane*, was published earlier this year. His collection of stories, *There are Little Kingdoms*, was published in 2007 and awarded the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature. His stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *the Granta Book of the Irish Short Story*, *Best European Fiction 2011*, and many other journals and anthologies around the world. He also works on plays, screenplays, graphic stories and essays. He lives in Co. Sligo.

Kildare Authors' Panel in conversation with Linda Geraghty

DATE: Saturday, May 14th TIME: 14.00 - 15.00

VENUE: Riverbank Arts Centre ADMISSION: €5.00

This year's Kildare Authors' Panel welcomes **Peter Cunningham**, best known for his *Monument* novels and more recently *Capital Sins 2010*, **James Lawless**, *Peeling Oranges 2007* and *Avenue 2010* and **Rose Doyle**, whose 2003 novel *Friends Indeed* explores the lives of the *Wrens of the Curragh*.



Bloody Women!

DATE: Saturday, May 14th **TIME:** 15.30 - 16.30

VENUE: Riverbank Arts Centre **ADMISSION:** €5.00

A stellar line up of the finest crime writers will have a panel discussion led by **Declan Burke** *Eightball Boogie* and *The Big O*. **Arlene Hunt**, *Missing Presumed Dead* 2007, *Undertow* 2008 and *Blood Money* 2010. **Alex Barclay**, *Darkhouse* 2003, *The Caller* 2007, *Last Call* 2008 and *Blood Runs Cold* 2008. **Ava McCarthy** *The Insider* and *The Courier*.



Lissa Oliver – Reading & Book Signing

DATE: Saturday, May 14th **TIME:** 15:30

VENUE: Farrell's Bookshop, Main Street, Newbridge

ADMISSION: FREE

Kildare-based horseracing journalist Lissa Oliver has earned nominations for the James Tait Award and Longman History Award and her latest release, *Chantilly Dawns*, has been nominated for the Golden Dagger Award for crime fiction. A gripping thriller set in France, it tells the story of disgraced jockey Marcel and his fight for salvation.

Laura Jane Cassidy – Reading & Book Signing

DATE: Saturday, May 14th **TIME:** 15:30 - 16.30

VENUE: Easons, Whitewater Shopping Centre, Newbridge

ADMISSION: FREE

Local writer **Laura Jane Cassidy** returns to KRF this year with the launch of her first novel with Puffin, *Angel Kiss*. This is the first in the series which will follow the story of Jacki King, a teenage girl who uses her paranormal powers to help solve cases of missing women. Laura will read from her novel in Easons, Whitewater at 3.30pm so come along and Laura will sign a copy for you!



Book tickets online on www.riverbank.ie or call box office on 045 448327

The Vanishing Ireland Project

DATE: Saturday, May 14th **TIME:** 17:00 - 18.00

VENUE: Riverbank Arts Centre **ADMISSION:** €5.00

The Vanishing Ireland Project began in 2001 when writer **Turtle Bunbury** and photographer **James Fennell** began to extensively tour their Irish homeland in a bid to chronicle a world that seemed to be disappearing rapidly.

Join Turtle and James for a fascinating hour of conversation and photographs with Siobhán Cronin, for what promises to be a fascinating hour of conversation and photography chronicling their joint publications, *Vanishing Ireland 2006*, *The Irish Pub 2008* and *Vanishing Ireland – Further Chronicles of a Disappearing World 2009*.



Siobhán Cronin



Turtle Bunbury

Turtle Bunbury is a best-selling author and historian based outside Tullow, County Carlow. **James Fennell** is one of Ireland's foremost photographers and lives near Athy, County Kildare. Together they have produced six books, including their hit series, *Vanishing Ireland*. The first two volumes of this series were shortlisted for the Best Irish-Published Book of the Year at the Irish Book Awards in 2007 and 2010 respectively.



James Fennell

A third volume will be published in September 2011. Their last book *Sporting Legends of Ireland* was nominated for the William Hill Irish Sports Book of the Year Award 2010. Their other books are *Living in Sri Lanka* and *The Irish Pub*.



Talking About Jane Austen in Baghdad – Bee Rowlatt in conversation with Yvonne Nolan

DATE: Saturday, May 14th

TIME: 19:30 - 20.45

VENUE: Riverbank Arts Centre

ADMISSION: €5.00



Yvonne Nolan

Bee Rowlatt (pictured left) is a BBC World Service journalist. She has four children and lives in London. The book *Talking About Jane Austen in Baghdad* was conceived as a way to get her Iraqi friend May Witwit out to safety. It has been translated into numerous languages, and is currently being dramatised for TV and radio.



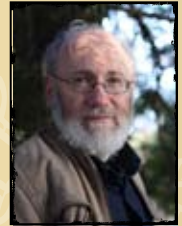
Parents and Other Strangers: Dermot Bolger, Peter Sheridan and Carlo Gébler in conversation

DATE: Sunday, May 15th **TIME:** 11.00 - 12.30

VENUE: Riverbank Arts Centre **ADMISSION:** €5.00

No relationship shapes our character so much as the intense, early relationship that we have with our parents. In this intimate public conversation, the poet and novelist Dermot Bolger talks to two of Ireland's leading writers about their relationships with their own parents, during their childhoods and adult lives, and how these relationships have helped to form their own personalities and outlook.

Born in Dublin in 1959, **Dermot Bolger's** ten novels include *The Woman's Daughter*, *The Journey Home*, *The Family on Paradise Pier* and *New Town Soul*. In 2010 he published *A Second Life: A Renewed novel*. Author of thirteen stage plays, his Ballymun Trilogy was published in 2010. He has published eight volumes of poetry, devised the best-selling collaborative novel, *Finbar's Hotel* and has edited numerous anthologies, including *The Picador Book of Contemporary Irish Fiction*.



Peter Sheridan is one of Ireland's best known writers, who co-founded the Project Arts Centre with his brother Jim. An acclaimed theatre director, his recent credits include *The Shawshank Redemption* at the Gaiety and most recently, *Dancing Shoes – the George Best Story*, at the Grand Opera House, Belfast. He is the author of two acclaimed memoirs, *44: A Dublin Childhood* and *Forty Seven Roses*.

Carlo Gébler was born in Dublin in 1954. His parents were the writers Edna O'Brien and Ernest Gébler. Carlo's debut novel, *The Eleventh Summer*, was published in 1985. This was followed by many others including *August in July*; *Work and Play*; *How to Murder a Man* and *A Good Day for a Dog*. His classic memoir, *Father and I*, explores what it is like to be a writer who is the son of writers. His new novel, *The Dead Eight*, is published in spring 2011.



Cathy Kelly

DATE: Sunday, May 15th **TIME:** 11.00 - 12.30

VENUE: Newbridge Silver **ADMISSION:** FREE

While working as a journalist for the *Sunday World*, Cathy Kelly began writing her first novel. *Woman to Woman* topped the Irish bestseller list and stayed there for 8 weeks. *Once in a Lifetime* 2009 went to No. 1 within days of its release. Her books are international best sellers in Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Cathy is also an Ambassador for UNICEF in Ireland.

EVENT	TIME	VENUE	PRICE
Friday, 13th May			
Mayor's Festival Opening reception with music by Ellen Cranitch (Flutes) & Denise Kelly (Harp) Launch of KRF: 1 Notebook Exhibition	18.30 - 19.30	Riverbank Arts Centre	FREE
Join Peter Murphy, <i>John the Revelator</i> , in conversation with Maria Doyle Kennedy	19.30 - 21.00	Riverbank Arts Centre	€5.00
Saturday, 14th May			
Walking tour with Mae Leonard	11.00 - 12.30	Departing from Riverbank Arts Centre	€5.00
Kevin Barry: <i>City of Bohane</i> and <i>There are Little Kingdoms</i>	11.00 - 12.30	Riverbank Arts Centre	€5.00
<i>Stories for the Ear</i> : Reading with Tom Hickey	12.30 - 13.00	Riverbank Arts Centre	FREE
Kildare Author Panel: Peter Cunningham, Rose Doyle and James Lawless with Linda Geraghty	14.00 - 15.00	Riverbank Arts Centre	€5.00
Bloody Women! Alex Barclay, Arlene Hunt and Ava McCarthy in conversation with Declan Burke	15.30 - 16.30	Riverbank Arts Centre	€5.00
Laura Jane Cassidy – Reading & Book Signing	15.30 - 16.30	Easons Whitewater SC	FREE
Lissa Oliver – Reading & Book Signing	15.30 - 16.30	Farrell's Book Shop	FREE
<i>The Vanishing Ireland Project</i> with Turtle Bunbury, James Fennell and Siobhán Cronin, followed by presentation of Cecil Day Lewis Bursary Award	17.00 - 18.00	Riverbank Arts Centre	€5.00
Slovak Orchestra and tastings from <i>Plate to Plate</i> cookery book	18.00 - 19.30	Riverbank Arts Centre	FREE
<i>Talking About Jane Austen in Baghdad</i> Bee Rowlatt in conversation with Yvonne Nolan	19.30 - 20.45	Riverbank Arts Centre	€5.00
Festival Club : Traditional music with Lorcan Mac Mathuna and poetry from Leanne O'Sullivan and John McAuliffe	21.30 onwards	Johnson's Pub	FREE
Sunday, 15th May			
Dermot Bolger, Peter Sheridan and Carlo Gébler in conversation	11.00 - 12.30	Riverbank Arts Centre	€5.00
Cathy Kelly – Reading and book signing with one of Ireland's most popular authors	11.00 - 12.30	Newbridge Silver	FREE

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The Fringe Festival

Launch of PLOT 1 / CEAPACH 1

DATE: Saturday, May 7th **TIME:** 11.00 **VENUE:** Riverbank Arts Centre

Plot 1/ Ceapach 1 is an artists book by Monica de Bath, curated by Maeve Mulrennan, Galway Arts Centre. Launched by ecologist, Dr. Catherine Farrell MIEEM, Bord na Móna, the publication provides insights into the nature of peat production and provokes thinking on the future use of cutaway. Arising from a long term art residency at Bord na Móna Ballydermot Works, Rathangan, De Baths body of work includes a trial plot of blueberries at Ballydermot, a series of paintings and this publication. The launch includes a site visit to and guided tour of the plot (booking essential).



KRF:1 Artist Notebook Launch

DATE: Friday, 13th May **TIME:** 18.30 **VENUE:** Riverbank Arts Centre

The KRF:1 Artist Notebook project arose from an invitation to artists to write, draw, paint, paste, construct/deconstruct a standard A5 Moleskine notebook in a creative way. Each notebook was kindly donated by participating artists to Kildare County Council to become part of a permanent touring collection, growing each year. An exhibition of the notebooks will be on display over the course of the Festival.



Stories for the Ear – Volume 2

DATE: Saturday, May 14th **TIME:** 12.30 - 13.00 **VENUE:** Riverbank Arts Centre

Curated by writer Neil Donnelly, *Stories for the Ear* is a recording of the finest short stories from Kildare writers. Funded by Kildare County Council, it features 10 stories read by professional actors. Renowned actor Tom Hickey will launch *Stories for the Ear – Volume 2*, and read selected works from the CD.

Walking tour with Mae Leonard and James Durney

DATE: Saturday, May 14th **TIME:** 11.00 - 12.30

VENUE: Departing from Riverbank Arts Centre **ADMISSION:** €5.00



Walk in the wonderful company of Mae Leonard and James Durney who will woo you with fascinating tales and readings of the Ryston-born author Molly Keane and astonish you with gems of local and social history from the *Watering Gates* to the *Prince of Wales*.

Cecil Day Lewis Literary Bursary Award

DATE: Saturday, May 14th **TIME:** 18.00 **VENUE:** Riverbank Arts Centre

The CD Lewis Literary Bursary Award is an annual award of €2,500 provided by Kildare County Council to support new writings from Kildare. Come along to the presentation of the award, by Turtle Bunbury, with readings from the award winner.

Slovak Festival Orchestra & Plate to Plate

DATE: Saturday, May 14th **TIME:** 18.00 - 19.30

VENUE: Riverbank Arts Centre **ADMISSION:** FREE



From the heart of Europe's musical tradition, Vladimir and the members of the Slovak Festival Orchestra present concerts in a way that is both entertaining and informative. Performing in a style that is energetic and uplifting they draw from traditional favourites such as Vivaldi, Mozart and Strauss as well as gypsy jazz and European folk music.



Plate to Plate is a publication of recipes, anecdotes, drawings and prints from 42 artists associated with The Leinster Printmaking Studio, with guest contributors including Patrick Pye and chef Kevin Thornton. Join us on Saturday evening to listen to the Slovak Orchestra while enjoying some samples of recipes from the book.

Festival Club

DATE: Saturday, May 14th **TIME:** 21.30 onwards

VENUE: Johnson's Pub, Main Street, Newbridge **ADMISSION:** FREE

Come and join us in Johnson's pub on the main street for a fantastic night of poetry and traditional music to round off the day with fellow festival goers. We will be joined by poets **Leanne O' Sullivan**, *Waiting for my Clothes* 2004, and **John McAuliffe** *Next Door* 2007 and *A Better Life* 2002. Music will be provided by Lorcan Mac Mathuna.

For information on the Fringe events contact **Tel: 045 448318** Email: arts@kildarecoco.ie



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