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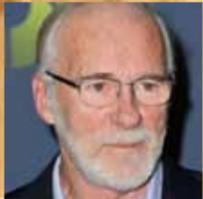
David Rooney



Diarmuid McGee



Gerry Moriarty



Ian McElhinney



Kate Ennals



Marc McMenamin



Maura Logue



Mia Gallagher



Tommy Graham



Dr. Tony Bates



Pauric Travers

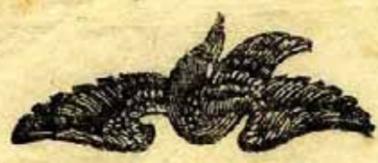


Win McNulty



Sinead Crowley





**THE WINDING BANKS OF ERNE,
Or the Emigrant's Adieu to Ballyshannon.**

Adieu to Ballyshannon! where I was bred and born;
Go where I may, I'll think of you, as sure as night and morn,
The kindly spot, the friendly town, where every one is known,
And not a face in all the place but partly seems my own;
There's not a house or window, there's not a field or hill,
But, east or west, in foreign lands, I'll recollect them still,
I leave my warm heart with you, though my back I'm forced to turn—
So adieu to Ballyshannon, and the winding banks of Erne!

If ever I'm a money'd man, I mean, please God, to cast,
My golden anchor in the place where youthful years were pass'd;
Though heads that now are black and brown must meanwhile gather grey,
New faces rise by every hearth, and old ones drop away—
Yet dearer still that Irish hill than all the world beside;
It's home, sweet home, where'er I roam, through lands and waters wide,
And if the Lord allows me, I surely will return
To my native Ballyshannon, and the winding banks of Erne.

William Allingham

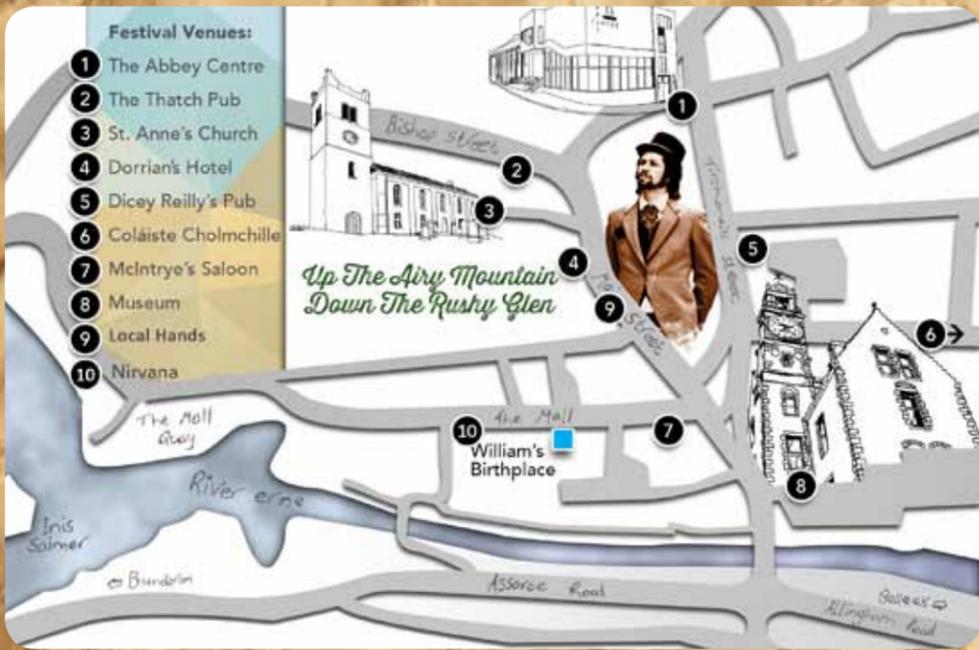


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THE ALLINGHAM FESTIVAL
BALLYSHANNON
2ND - 6TH NOVEMBER 2022



The Allingham Arts Festival is a community arts festival which takes place in Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal, each November, in honour of the poet William Allingham.

For bookings and information on the festival, visit our website:

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SCHEDULE

THE ALLINGHAM FESTIVAL WEEKEND



SATURDAY 5TH NOV

TIME

VENUE

ADM

A Novel Idea Bookshop will be open in the Abbey Arts Centre on Sat & Sun 12 noon - 5pm

CHILDRENS' ART WORKSHOP

Christine Fox has been an Allingham Festival favourite from the beginning and her wonderful workshops are always in demand. Suitable for children aged 6 - 10Yrs **Numbers are limited so early booking is advised. Call or text 086 062 1579**

10.30^{am}

Colaiste Cholmcille

€5

BOOK FAIR by A Novel Idea

12.00^{am}

Abbey Arts Centre

LITERARY LADIES OF THE NORTH WEST

Written and produced by Maura Logue | A Dark Daughter Production

Walk with the Ghosts of Ballyshannon's Literary Past. Your host is William Allingham the Poet. Meet at St Anne's Hall at 12 noon and spend a while listening to the ghosts of Literary Ladies of the North West. 40 minutes show. **Donations gratefully accepted**

12.00^{noon}

St Anne's Hall

Donations accepted

IAN MCELHINNEY IN CONVERSATION WITH SINEAD CROWLEY

One of Ireland's best and most well-known actors. His list of credits is hugely extensive and includes appearances in Lamb, The Bill, Taggart, Michael Collins, The Boxer, The Tudors, Star Wars and Game of Thrones and Derry Girls. Ian's numerous theatre credits include The Plough and the Stars, A Doll's House, Carthaginians, Aristocrats and many more He was nominated for a Tony Award on Broadway and an Outer Critics Circle Award for his direction of Stones in His Pockets that wonderful play written by his wife, Marie Jones. This afternoon's conversation, with Sinead Crowley, Arts and Media Correspondent with RTE will include film clips and promises to give us a fascinating look into a world which has such an influence on all our lives.

2.00^{pm}

Theatre 1

€10

BOOK LAUNCH: PAURIC TRAVERS

"**Donegal. The Irish Revolution 1912 - 23**" gives a fascinating new assessment of the county during those seminal years in Ireland's history. The experiences of the different regions in a disparate county are highlighted, as well as the conflicting loyalties of Unionists, Home Rulers and separatists. And of course religion and the shadow of partition loom large in this eminently readable and thoroughly researched piece of work. The book will be launched by Sinead Crowley.

4.00^{pm}

Theatre 2

Free

HISTORY IRELAND HEDGE SCHOOL

History Ireland editor Tommy Graham and his panel of Adrian Grant, Brendan MacSuihbne and Pauric Travers discuss the Civil War in Donegal. The Battle of Pettigo in early June 1922 became the last stand up fight between the IRA and the British Army Fascinating insights into our past.

6.00^{pm}

Theatre 2

€5

BIRD ON THE WIRE

A spellbinding night of musical magic as Pauline Scanlon and The Whileaways - Noelle McDonald, Noriana Kennedy and Nicola Joyce - combine with a band of consummate musicians to celebrate the words and music of Leonard Cohen in their own unique way. They have been performing to sell-out crowds for the last few years in Ireland, Europe and the UK and getting rave reviews.

8.00^{pm}

Theatre 1

€25
SOLD OUT

SUNDAY 6TH NOV

GATHER AGAIN MUSIC, READINGS & RECITATIONS

A great favourite at Allingham, we Gather Again for a morning session of stories, poems, music and craic. This very informal gathering includes the PJ Drummond Recitation Competition. This year we will have a special performance of The Specialist with Richard Hurst. Always a delightful morning. Music by: Mark Langan

12.00^{noon}

Theatre 1

Free

BOOK LAUNCH: THE SOUND OF WATER SEARCHING BY: MICHAEL O'DEA

Roscommon man Michael O Dea reads from his latest critically acclaimed poetry collection. The writer Vincent Woods says that this collection "captures infinite loss and bears quiet witness to human suffering and to enduring dignity and hope."

2.00^{pm}

Theatre 2

Free

BETWEEN THE JIGS AND THE REELS BY CAOIMHIN MACAOIDH

First published in 1994, and long since out of print, this seminal book has been significantly revised and enhanced to provide the reader with an informed lively and entertaining perspective on the history and current state of the dynamic cultural landscape of Donegal fiddle music. A few tunes will be played.

CLAIRE KEEGAN IN CONVERSATION WITH SINEAD CROWLEY

"Keegan is measured and merciless as she dissects the silent acquiescence of a 1980s Irish town in the church's cruel treatment of unmarried mothers - and the cost of one man's moral courage." So said the Booker Prize judges when shortlisting Claire Keegan's wonderful novel Small Things Like These for this year's prize. We are honoured to have Booker Prize shortlist nominee Claire Keegan at the Allingham Festival. Though publication of her books are rare events, four in 23 years, each one is a gem. One cannot think of any other writer who can manage the feat of creating a completely imagined structured and sustained world with the brevity we find in her work. The real-life situations she writes about are wonderfully evocative and the reader is captured from the very beginning. **Not to be missed**

3.15^{pm}

Theatre 1

€10

AN EVENING AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

It is fitting that this, the final event of the Festival, takes place in the beautiful surroundings of St. Anne's, William Allingham's own parish church. This year's line-up includes Belcanto Choir, John McIntyre (Guitar and vocals), Conan Sweeny and special guest singer Diarmuid McGee. MC will be Anthony Begley The perfect way to wind down after a hectic weekend.

7.00^{pm}

St Anne's Church

Contributions Accepted

WEDNESDAY 2ND NOV

TIME

VENUE

ADM

LITTLE TOP STARS

Circus Skills for Children | Activities include Spinning Plates, Juggling & Diabolo. Suitable for children from 5 - 12Yrs

5-8 Yrs: 11.00am 5-8 Yrs: 2.00pm

9-12Yrs: 12.00 Noon 9-12Yrs: 3.00pm

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Mercy Hall.

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€5

THE EMERSON LECTURE "THE KINDLY SPOT, THE FRIENDLY TOWN."

Memories of the talented Allingham family. Historian Anthony Begley brings us an illustrated talk in memory of Louis and Kathleen Emerson. In association with Co. Donegal Historical Society. **Booking essential via The Abbey Arts Centre** Head across to The Thatch afterwards where the wonderful House of Stories hold their monthly session of storytelling, song and fun. Well worth a visit.

7.30^{pm}

Theatre 2 Abbey Arts Centre

Free

BALLYSHANNON BRASS & REED BAND

The Ballyshannon Brass & Reed Band has a storied history going back to the 1880s when they played for Charles Stewart Parnell. Having faded in recent years the band is currently undergoing a great revival in fortunes under the expert musical direction of Don Swain.

9.00^{pm}

Theatre 1

Free

THURSDAY 3RD NOV

TIME

VENUE

ADM

SCHOOLS' POETRY, FLASH FICTION & ART RESULTS

Join our Chairperson Conor Carney as he announces the results of our Secondary & Primary Schools' Competitions. Streamed on the Allingham Festival YouTube Channel and sponsored by Donegal Education and Training Board (ETB).

11.00^{am}

Online

Free

Primary

2.00^{pm}

Online

Free

Secondary

OFFICIAL OPENING (RECEPTION)

We are delighted that this year's festival will be opened by Gerry Moriarty, a great friend of the Allingham Festival and recently retired highly respected Northern Editor of The Irish Times. For many years Gerry shone an impartial light for his readers on the complicated entity that is Northern Ireland.

7.00^{pm}

Theatre 1

Free

SHORT FILM: TRIANG TIMES

Farmer and musician William Hamilton and publican Pat Britton are neighbours and friends. This short film explores the human connection between them which brings a small community together. Directed and produced by local filmmakers Manus Brennan, Michael McMonagle & Emer O Shea.

7.30^{pm}

Theatre 1

Free

ALLINGHAM LECTURE 'ARE WE ALL MAD?'

Topic: The increasing medicalisation of our everyday lives. Dr. Tony Bates is one of the most respected mental health experts in Ireland and we are honoured to have him give the Annual Allingham Lecture. A wonderfully informative, warm and entertaining speaker Tony Bates will leave us all in a much better place after this lecture.

8.00^{pm}

Theatre 1

Free

OPEN MIC.

Bring a poem, a song, a dance, a musical instrument or a magic trick. Music by Barry Sweeny & Sean Gibbons. Our MC will again be the incomparable Tony Liston.

10.00^{pm}

McIntyre's Bar

Free

FRIDAY 4TH NOV

TIME

VENUE

ADM

STEP IN A DRAMA BY WIN M'NULTY.

Step out of the rush of your day and take a few moments at dusk to listen to old voices. Can we still hear them over a hundred years later? Are they surprisingly like us? Listen. We might hear them above the trees, above the crows' call, whispers caught in stone walls. Step into the Workhouse.

3.00^{pm} &

5.00^{pm}

The Workhouse Masonic Hall, Church Lane

€5

ADULT FLASH FICTION & POETRY AWARDS

The finalists in the Adult Flash Fiction and Poetry Awards Competitions will be joined by the judges, Kate Ennals (Poetry) & Mia Gallagher (Flash Fiction), to read their entries before the winners of the James B Keane trophy for Flash Fiction and the Allingham Festival Poetry Trophy are announced. **M.C: Tom Sigafos.**

6.00^{pm}

Online (Allingham Arts Festival Youtube Channel)

Free

BOOK LAUNCH: IRELAND'S SECRET WAR BY MARC MCMENAMIN

Marc McMenamin's book reveals the true extent of Irish-Allied co-operation during WW2, all from the point of view of the main protagonists.

7.00^{pm}

Theatre 2

Free

COLD-WATER EDEN BY RICHIE FITZGERALD

Bundoran native Richie Fitzgerald, gives us a vivid memoir of a ground breaking surfing career and a stunning portrait of Ireland as one of the world's best big-wave surfing destinations.

AN EVENING WITH DAVID ROONEY & CHANELE MCGUINNESS

The singer songwriter Declan O Rourke recently said this about David Rooney: "The artist is so gifted, and technically capable -and brilliant- that he reached the point long ago of being able to just think of an object and simultaneously it is brought to life by his hand." David Rooney will bring us on a fascinating journey through his art and music. A must see.

The show will be opened by Chanele McGuinness. Chanele's combination of sweet vocals and story-telling will keep the audience locked into her performance.

8.00^{pm}

Theatre 1

€10

A DUNDUCKEDYMUDDCOLOURED EVENING

To mark the centenary of the publication of James Joyce's Ulysses Ballyshannon Drama Society takes a look into three of the great scenes from this world-famous book. You will meet Leopold Bloom himself, his wife Molly, The Citizen and other characters. There will even be a few songs.

10.00^{pm}

The Thatch

Free