

National Library

EVENTS JUNE 2011

Saturday 4 June at 2.30pm FREE

Tour of the National Library of Ireland

Learn about NLI's history and architecture on this guided tour.

Summer's Wreath 2011 at the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street.

The fifth **Summer's Wreath** programme, which will take place in June, will celebrate the creativity and legacy of William Butler Yeats. Many Irish and international guests will grace us with their personal reflections and readings from Yeats's poetry, plays and stories. We look forward to welcoming you to share in this universal love of Yeats's creativity. Be part of our celebration this summer!

Tickets for paid events must be booked in advance. Each event must be booked separately. We look forward to seeing you!

To book visit www.nli.ie or telephone 01 6030 200.

Reading & Reflection with Fergal Keane

Thursday, June 9th at 1pm: Free Admission/No Booking Required/30 mins

Fergal Keane is an Irish writer, broadcaster and presenter of the recent groundbreaking series *The Story of Ireland* – a five-part series on the history of Ireland. For many years, he worked as the BBC's Southern Africa Correspondent. He has won numerous awards for his radio and television reports.

Reading & Reflection with Tamasin Day-Lewis

Monday, June 13th at 1pm: Free Admission/No Booking Required/30 mins

Daughter of Irish poet Cecil Day-Lewis, **Tamasin Day-Lewis** has worked as a documentary filmmaker for 15 years, directing and producing over two dozen films for the BBC, ITV and Channel 4. She has written a dozen cookery books, appeared in two television series and gives masterclasses and talks all over the world.

Reading & Reflection with Hugo Hamilton

Wednesday, June 15th at 1pm: Free Admission/No Booking Required/30 mins

Hugo Hamilton's acclaimed memoir *The Speckled People* has been called an 'instant classic' and has become an international best-seller. He is the acclaimed author of two memoirs, seven novels and one collection of short stories. His latest novel *Hand in the Fire* is now available in paperback.

Reading & Reflection with Kate O'Toole

Thursday, June 23rd at 1pm: Free Admission/No Booking Required/30 mins

Kate O'Toole is an Irish actress whose film roles have included *Dancing at Lughnasa* and *The Dead*. Her TV credits include the role of Lady Salisbury in *The Tudors*. Kate was awarded the British Arts Council/Barclays Theatre Awards for Best Actress 2001 for *Three Tall Women* and was nominated for Irish Times/Irish Theatre Awards, Best Actress 2002, for her role in *Dead Funny*.

Frank Delaney in conversation

Wednesday, June 8th at 8pm: Admission €10 To Book: www.nli.ie

In 1979, **Frank Delaney's** first book, *James Joyce's Odyssey* was published to critical acclaim and best-seller status. Since then, Delaney has written six books of non-fiction, twelve novels, one novella, two anthologies, and a smattering of short stories published in both magazines and collections.

Professor Roy Foster & Joseph M. Hassett

Monday, June 13th at 8pm: Admission €10 To Book: www.nli.ie

Yeats Scholars in conversation touching on their recently published books on W.B. Yeats

The distinguished Oxford scholar, **Professor Roy Foster's** biography of W.B. Yeats is generally recognised as the definitive biography of the poet. Published in two volumes, the combined work runs to more than 1400 pages. His book *Words Alone: Yeats and his Inheritances* was published in April.

Joseph Hassett has lectured widely on Yeats and other Irish writers at venues including the Trieste Joyce School and Oxford University. His book *W.B. Yeats and the Poetics of Hate* was published in 1986 and his book *W.B. Yeats and the Muses* was published last year by Oxford University Press.

Yeats in Words and Music - Reading by Andrea Corr and music by Liam O'Flynn, uilleann pipes

Saturday, June 18th at 8pm: Admission €10 To Book: www.nli.ie

Andrea Corr is an Irish musician, songwriter and actress. For over a decade she was the lead singer of Celtic folk rock and pop group The Corrs. Andrea is now pursuing a solo career and released her second album *Lifelines* in May 2011. Andrea's acting career has also blossomed with critically acclaimed stage and screen roles.

Liam O'Flynn formed the legendary group Planxty with Donal Lunny, Christy Moore and Andy Irvine. He has made over 50 recordings, including, most recently, *Out To Another Side*, *The Given Note*, *The Piper's Call* and *The Poet and the Piper*, a collaboration with Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney.

Celtic Fever - a lecture by Sir Andrew Motion

Thursday, June 23rd at 8pm: Admission €10 To Book: www.nli.ie

Andrew Motion, poet, novelist and biographer, presided as Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom from 1999 to 2009. He has been awarded the Arvon/Observer Prize, the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize and the Dylan Thomas Prize. In this special event, Sir Andrew will look at the influence of Yeats on the poetry of Philip Larkin.

One Day Immersion Course with Dr Gerard Dineen

THE POETRY OF W.B. YEATS: MEMORIES & PARAGONS

Friday, June 24th 9.30am - 5.30pm with lunch-break

Places Limited / Booking Essential / Cost €25 To Book: www.nli.ie

Designed for the interested amateur as well as for lovers of poetry and literature, this year's immersion course takes a fresh look at Yeats's poetry. The poems to be considered will fall into two categories: those in which Yeats is remembering people and those that feature paragons worthy of emulation. Participants will be given the opportunity to share their interpretations.

EXHIBITIONS

Discover Your National Library: Explore, Reflect, Connect FREE

Celebrate Ireland's rich history and heritage with the free multimedia exhibition *Discover Your National Library at 2/3 Kildare Street*, which brings you some of our most precious treasures, and allows you to hear from the curators who take care of them.

A new selection of treasures is now on display in *Discover*, including 700 year-old manuscripts, 19th century eviction photographs, a letter from war artist William Orpen, illustrations from some of Ireland's best illustrators of children's books, and a special display on our "throw-away treasures". This phase of the exhibition, which runs through 2011, includes a special focus on the history of the Irish Texts Society.

Free public tour: Tuesdays at 2.30pm starting 3 May.

Tall Tales & Deadly Drawings FREE

Kids of all ages will love our colourful display in the Library's main hall, *Tall Tales and Deadly Drawings*, featuring Irish children's books and amazing illustrations from our collection of drawings. Get involved when you visit - leave us a magic leaf telling us about your own favourites, and watch out for characters from the exhibition as you explore the Library! The display will be on view throughout 2011.

Yeats: the Life and Works of William Butler Yeats FREE

This award-winning exhibition is a must see for all Yeats fans. Free guided tour available on Wednesdays at 1pm.

Dublin Institute of Technology BA Photography Graduate Exhibition FREE

The 2011 BA Photography Graduate Exhibition at the National Photographic Archive in Temple Bar features the diverse photographic projects of 23 final year students. The exhibition showcases the best of emerging talent in Irish contemporary photography
Opening Reception: Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 pm.
Exhibition runs from June 4-26.