## **2023 Festival Programme**

#### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

#### **Story & History Tour**

Journey with us through the North Kerry countryside to visit some of Ireland's finest historical sites and hear stories of fact & fiction.

Departs: Listowel Square

Time: 10am-1pm Admission: €20

#### **Poetry & Story in the Park**

An 'open-mic' session with poet Mike Gallagher & special guest Dominic Bennett, featuring Mick Jones on piano.

Venue: Kerry Writers' Museum

Time: 1.45-3.15pm Donation Based

#### Slán Abhaile Session

We close our festival with a gathering of all our tellers and invited guests with our regular performers from Listowel Rambling House, with Fear an Tí - Johnny McElligott.

Venue: Kerry Writers' Museum

Time: 3.30-6.30pm Donation Based



Festival & ticket booking details available at:

Kerry Writers' Museum, 24 The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

Tel: 068 22212

Email: kerrywritersmuseum@gmail.com Web www.kerrywritersmuseum.com

Weekend Festival Ticket €90 each





# 14th - 17th September, 2023



A weekend of storytelling sessions, workshops, story swaps, story walks, music & song.

Featuring...Maria Gillen, Maria Buckley Whatton, Sonia Elston, Paddy O'Brien, Sonny Egan, Billy Keane, Frances Kennedy, Pat McAuliffe, Mike Gallagher, Dominic Bennett, Paddy McElligott, Bryan Murphy and many more...

### Welcome...

Welcome to the 5th annual Listowel International Storytelling Festival hosted by Kerry Writers' Museum. As the seasons change with long nights drawing families and friends around the hearth, our festival is inspired by the Irish Rambling House tradition and its sense of togetherness – a community gathering full of tales, recitations, music, songs and ballads.

Performance, workshops, spoken word and drama radiate out from the Kingdom's cultural capital, as the best of Kerry's storytelling talent merge with invited national & international guests, offering locals and visitors an opportunity to celebrate and discover oral traditions.

So put a sod on the fire, give an apple to the child and pour a drink for the storyteller!

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#### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

#### **Lunchtime Theatre: Moloney Up & At It**

Paddy McElligott's hilarious interpretation of Brendan Kennelly's collection of comic poems with a central character, Moloney, who tells of his experiences of, for the most part, sex and death.

Venue: St. John's Theatre

Time: 1pm Admission: €10

### The Bolex Boys:

#### An Adventure in Storytelling in Film

In this panel discussion curator Ciarán Walsh chats to filmmakers John Lynch & Michael Mulcahy who created an extraordinary cinematic record of the changing social and cultural landscape of North Kerry from the 1970s onwards. Their pioneering work will be the subject of a soon to be opened exhibition at Kerry Writers' Museum.

Venue: Kerry Writers' Museum

Time: 4pm Admission: €5

#### **Caint, Comhra agus Craic**

Bígí linn le haghaidh oíche de scéalta agus filíocht na Gaeilge le Fear an Tí Paddy O'Brien.

Venue: John B. Keane's Bar

Time: 7pm Admission: Free

#### **The Late Session with Bryan Murphy**

A great evening of music, story and song with Kerry native Bryan Murphy.

Venue: Kerry Writers' Museum

Time: 9pm Admission: €15

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#### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### Good Luck & Holy Water: Kerry Folklore & Customs

A lecture by historian Tom Dillon. Audience members are invited to share their stories of lucky superstitions.

Venue: Kerry Writers' Museum

Time: 11am Admission: €5

# **Lunchtime Theatre: Robert Service - Bard of the Yukon**

A one-man story-play of the life, times and rhymes of the famous Bard presented by Mike O'Mahony.

Venue: St. John's Theatre

Time: 1pm Admission: €10

#### **Stories & Poetry at the Castle**

The majestic Listowel Castle is our backdrop for this 'open-mic' session celebrating the spoken word, hosted by poet John McGrath.

Venue: Listowel Castle Amphitheatre

Time: 3.30pm Admission: Free

#### **Story Pub Trail**

Visit some of Listowel's finest hostelries to hear drama, story and song presented by the Abbeyside Players.

Departs: John B Statue in The Small Square Time: 7-9pm Admission: Free

# The Late Session with Sonny Egan, Maria Gillen & Patsy McDermott

A great evening of entertainment, storytelling and song with Sonny, Maria & Patsy!

Venue: Kerry Writers' Museum

Time: 9.30pm Admission: €10

# 4-DAY FESTIVAL PASS FOR ALL EVENTS ONLY €90.00

#### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>™</sup>

#### **Story Walk**

Travel along the banks of the River Feale with Owen McMahon.

Departs: Kerry Writers' Museum

Time: 10am Admission: €5

#### **Writing Humorous Verse Workshop**

Directed by Sonia Elston.

Venue: Kerry Writers' Museum

Time: 10am-12noon Admission: €20

#### **Storytelling Workshop**

Directed by Maria Buckley Whatton.

Venue: St. John's Theatre

Time: 11am-1pm Admission: €20

#### **Lunchtime Yarns**

An 'Open-Mic' session of humorous stories and verse with Sonia Elston and Paddy O'Brien.

Venue: Kerry Writers' Museum

Time: 1pm Admission: €5

#### **Meet our Young Tellers**

A chance to hear Kerry's new generation of storytellers including Anthony Hanlon, Thanh Creed & Rian Gleeson.

Thanh Creed & Rian Gleeson. Venue: St. John's Theatre

Time: 2.30pm Admission: €5

#### Story Swap at John B's

An 'Open-Mic' session of humorous stories and verse with Sonia Elston and Paddy O'Brien.

Venue: John B. Keane's Bar

Time: 4-6pm Admission: Free

# The Late Session with Frances Kennedy, Maria Buckley Whatton & Pat McAuliffe

Venue: Kerry Writers' Museum

Time: 8pm Admission: €10

