

## The Poets

### Moya Cannon

Born Donegal, now lives in Galway where she is a teacher. Much of her writing, at present, is connected with the particular, historical and elemental, of the Clare and Galway landscape and seascape.

### Liam Harte

Born 1962, Galway. Has published in *Writing in the West* and *Criterion*. He is presently completing an MA in English literature at UCG where he is also a tutor.

### Michael Hartnett

Born 1941. Awarded Irish American Cultural Institute Award for Literature. Arts Council of Ireland Award for best collection of poems in Gaelic. Arts Council of Ireland bursaries award. Sunday Tribune Literary Achievement Award 1986. Member of Aosdana (Irish Academy of Letters) and United Arts Club, Dublin. Recent works include *Collected Poems* vol. II, 1986, *An Lia Nocht* 1985.

### Máire C. Holmes

Born Dublin. Poetry published in both Irish and English in various publications including *Salmon*, *Cyphers* and *Writing in the West*. She has done occasional radio broadcasting which has included work for Radio Na Gaeltachta. She has written a stage-play, *An Fainne*, and published her recent novel *Old Friends – My A* 1987.

### Pat Ingoldsby

Several collections of poetry. Presenter of children's programme with RTE. Several plays performed – notably at Dublin's Peacock Theatre.

### Fred Johnston

Born Belfast, 1951. Hennessy Award 1972. Sunday Independent Award for Poetry and Prose. Founder of Irish Writers Co-operative and of Cúirt International Poetry Festival '86. Two collections of Poetry, *A Scarce Light*, and *Life and Death in the Midlands*, and one novel, *Picture of a Girl in a Spanish Hat*.

### Galway Kinnell

Born Providence, Rhode Island, USA, 1927. Pulitzer Prize winner for Poetry 1982, for his *Selected Poems*. American book award 1982. Also awarded Longview Foundation Award. Cecil Hemley Poetry Prize. Brandeis University Creative Arts Award. Member of the National Academy and Institution of Arts and Letters (USA).

### Michael Longley

Born Belfast, 1939. Member of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland. His poetry includes *No Continuing* 1969, *An Exploded View* 1973, *Man Lying On a Wall* 1976, *The Echo Gate* 1979 and *Selected Poems* 1981.

### Medbh McGuckian

Born Belfast, 1950. Winner of the National Poetry Competition, 1979. Editor of an anthology of verse by school children. Gregory Award winner, 1980. She has published two books of poetry, *The Flower Master* 1982 for which she won The Rooney Prize and The Alice Hunt Bartlett Award, and *Venus on the Rain* 1984. She is now writer in residence at Queen's University, Belfast.

### John Millett

John Millett is a former editor of the prestigious *Poetry Australia*. He entered the legal profession after World War II and has practised law since 1952. During the war he served as an air gunner with the Australian air force. Poetry collections include *Calendar Adam*, *The Silences*, *Love Tree of the Loomera* and *Come Down Coonderang*, in which he explores the relationships between the descendants of English and Irish settlers in Australia.

### Michael O'Siadhail

Born in Dublin. Awarded Irish-American Cultural Institute's Literary Award. He has published 5 books of poetry, the latest being *Springnight* 1983 and *The Image Wheel* 1985.

### Jon Silkin

Born London, 1930. Gregory Fellowship in Poetry, University of Leeds 1958. Visiting lecturer at Deniston University, Ohio. Visiting lecturer for Australian Arts Council and University of Sydney 1974. Awarded C D Lewis fellowship, London 1976-7. Visiting poet at Minshkenot Sh'anaim, Jerusalem 1980. Bingham poet at Louisville 1981. Elliston poet at University of Cincinnati 1983. Visiting poet at the yearly Festival of Notre Dame, Paris 1985. Visiting poet at the writers conference of the University of North Alabama 1987. One of his recent publications is *The Ship Pasture*.

### James Simmons

Born Derry, 1933. He has taught literature in schools and universities in Ireland and Africa. He has been awarded the Gregory and Cholmondely awards for poetry. He has published 8 volumes of poems including *Energy to Burn* and *Constantly Singing*.

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Cúirt Filíochta  
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Wednesday 13 May –  
Saturday 16 May 1987

### Advance Booking Office

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opens Monday, 11 May to Saturday  
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### Season Ticket

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(Admission to all readings) £12.50.  
Cheques should be made payable to  
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### Wednesday 13 May

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6.00 pm **Festival Launch**  
Nun's Island Arts Centre, Galway by the  
Patron of the Festival, Alderman John  
Mulholland, Mayor of Galway

8.00 pm **Evening Reading**  
Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe  
  
Maura Holmes and  
Michael Hartnett  
  
Admission £3.00

### Thursday 14 May

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1.00 pm **Lunchtime Reading**  
Nun's Island Arts Centre  
  
Liam Harte and  
Fred Johnston  
  
Admission £2.00

8.00 pm **Evening Reading**  
Warwick Hotel  
  
Medbh McGuckian and  
Jon Silkin  
  
Admission £3.00

### Friday 15 May

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1.00 pm **Lunchtime Reading**  
Nun's Island Arts Centre  
  
Moya Cannon and  
Michael O'Siadhail  
  
Admission £3.00

4.00 pm **Poetry Forum/  
Co-operation North**  
Nun's Island Arts Centre  
  
Readings by Galway and Belfast  
Secondary School students  
  
Admission free

8.00 pm **Evening Reading**  
Imperial Hotel  
  
James Simmons and  
Michael Longley  
  
Admission £3.00

11.00 pm **Late Night Reading**  
Nun's Island Arts Centre  
  
Pat Ingoldsby  
(Adult Reading)  
  
Admission £2.50

### Saturday 16 May

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11.00 am **Morning Workshop**  
City Library, Hynes Buildings  
  
Jessie Lendennie  
  
Admission free

### Saturday 16 May

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3.00 pm **Afternoon Children's  
Poetry Competition**  
Imperial Hotel  
  
Primary School Children's  
Poetry Competition  
Finalists Reading  
Adjudicator Pat Ingoldsby  
  
Admission free

8.00 pm **Evening Reading**  
Great Southern Hotel  
  
John Millett and  
Galway Kinnell  
  
Admission £3.00

### Events

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### Saturday 16 May

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10.00 am to 6.00 pm **Poetry Book Fair**  
Nun's Island Arts Centre  
  
Collections, anthologies and books  
about poetry. Includes collections by  
participating poets.

### Wednesday 13 May – Thursday 21 May

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**Exhibition**  
Nun's Island Arts Centre  
  
The Writers  
*A Sense of Ireland*

A selection of portraits of Irish writers  
by photographer Mike Bunn. The  
photographs were commissioned in  
1979 for the London festival *A Sense  
of Ireland* and later published in *The  
Writers* 1980 O'Brien Press