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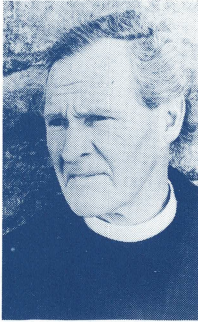
APRIL 1-5

1 WEDNESDAY

FESTIVAL LAUNCH 6:00 pm

Cúirt '92 is officially launched by His Excellency Ernest Bryll, Poland's Ambassador to Ireland. A poet in his own right, Mr. Bryll has translated several works of Irish literature into Polish.

- Venue: # 47 Dominick Street.



R.S. Thomas

R.S. THOMAS 9:00 pm

The festival's inaugural reading features the magnificent Welsh poet R.S. Thomas who "has created some of the most profoundly religious poems of this century".

- Venue: #47 Dominick Street. Admission £4/£3.

Cúirt Box Office

Opens Wednesday March 18th

Tickets available to callers or by post from:

Galway Arts Centre, #47 Dominick Street, Galway.

Monday-Saturday 10 am - 5.30 pm

Information: 091 65886

Credit Card Booking: 091 68303

Season Tickets

A limited number of season tickets at £20 go on sale on March 18th. Season tickets cover admission to all events except the evening in Drimcong Restaurant. Season ticket holders must confirm which events they are attending when purchasing the ticket.

All venues are open seating - it is advisable to come early.

**JERZY JARNIEWICZ
AND SEAN DUNNE 1:00 pm**

A dual reading with Polish poet, Jerzy Jarniewicz and Cork-based Seán Dunne, whose new collection is launched at Cúirt.

- Venue: U.C.G. Library.

**TOM MORGAN AND VICKI CROWLEY:
Poems and Paintings 4:00 pm**

Ulster poet Tom Morgan reads with Galway artist Vicki Crowley, whose debut poetry collection will appear soon from Salmon.

- Venue: #47 Dominick Street. Admission: Free.

**IAIN CRICHTON SMITH: Book Launch
6:00 pm**

Carcanet Press presents the Irish launch of Iain Crichton Smith's 'Collected Poems' which comprises work from 40 years and confirms its author as one of the finest Scottish poets of his generation.

- Venue: Sheela-na-Gig Bookshop, Middle Street.



Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill

SCOTTISH/IRISH NIGHT 9:00 pm

A bilingual event celebrating the twin Gaelic cultures of Ireland and Scotland, featuring the considerable poetic talents of Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, Connemara's Johnny Chóil Mhaidhc and Scotland's Iain Crichton Smith and Anne Frater.

- Venue: Atlanta Hotel. Admission £4/£3. Sponsored by Udaras na Gaeltachta and Bord na Gaeilge.

**POETRY OF THE
IRISH DIASPORA 1:00 pm**

A reading featuring two second-generation Irish poets now living in England: Gregory Award-winner Deirdre Shanahan and Ian Duhig, who "...writes serious poems that make you laugh as opposed to light verse that doesn't" (Seán O'Brien).

- Venue: #47 Dominick Street. Admission £2.



Ian Duhig

**GABRIEL ROSENSTOCK AND
HUGH McMILLAN 1:00 pm**

Irish poet and translator Gabriel Rosenstock reads with up-and-coming Scottish poet Hugh McMillan.

- Venue: U.C.G. Library.

POETS' PLATFORM 2:30 pm

Poets' Platform showcases some of the best talent from writers' groups all over Ireland. It was first held at Cúirt '91 and proved to be one of the most popular events at the festival. This year's Platform will be chaired by Jessie Lendennie of Salmon Press.

- Venue: Nun's Island. Admission: Free.

**SEAN DUNNE AND HARRY CLIFTON:
Book Launch 6:00 pm**

Gallery Press launch their latest collections: 'The Sheltered Nest' by Seán Dunne and 'The Desert Route' Selected poems 1973-1988 by Harry Clifton

- Venue: Kenny's Bookshop, High Street.

"PLACE" IN LITERATURE 7:30 pm

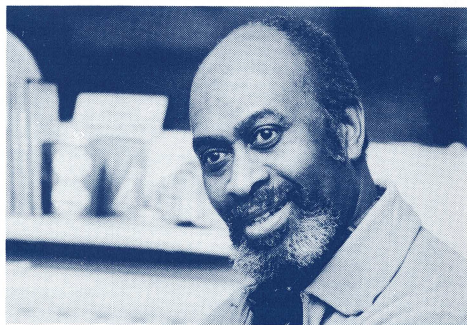
A prose reading which brings together Tim Robinson, whose remarkable studies of the West of Ireland have won international recognition, and novelist Colm Tóibín, winner of the 1991 Irish Times/Aer Lingus Prize for 'The South'.

- Venue: Druid Theatre. Admission: £4/£3.

JAMES BERRY 9:00 pm

A reading from one of the foremost Caribbean poets now writing. His poems and stories have won widespread acclaim and many awards. "Berry has a real talent for rendering the tone as well as the cadence of West Indian speech..His other great gift is for celebration" (Poetry Review).

- Venue: Nun's Island. Admission: £4/£3.



James Berry

**FESTIVAL CLUB: A BANQUET OF SENSE
10:30 pm**

The evening concludes with some delightfully lubricious entertainment, a dramatised reading of 17th century erotic verse, presented by actors Stephen Oxley and Kika Mirylees, who have appeared with some of Britain's major companies.

- Venue: Atlanta Hotel, Dominick Street. Admission: £2

IN THE HEART OF THE WOOD 11.00am

Kathie Prince and Mary Medlicott present a participatory storytelling and music performance for children based on a 16th century Welsh poem by Robin Clideroe.

- Venue: Nun's Island. Admission: £1.

MARY O'MALLEY AND MICHEAL O'SIADHAIL 1:00pm

Highly-regarded Galway poet Mary O'Malley reads with Micheal O'Siadhail, whose new collection will be published shortly by Bloodaxe.

- Venue: #47 Dominick Street. Admission: £2.

A BANQUET OF SENSE 1:00pm

A second chance to savour the bawdy delights of Stephen Oxley and Kika Mirylees' show.

- Venue: Druid Theatre. Admission: £2.

**POETRY & THE LANGUAGE OF PUBLIC LIFE
A forum with Kevin Barry, Theo Dorgan,
Liz Lochhead and Declan Kiberd 3:00pm**

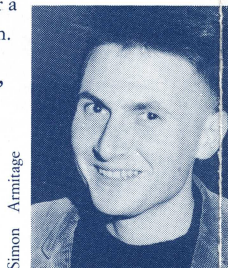
An impressive panel has been assembled for this year's Forum which promises to produce lively and thought-provoking debate on its chosen topic. Kevin Barry, of the UCG English Dept. will chair and the addresses will be given by poets Theo Dorgan and Liz Lochhead and writer and critic Declan Kiberd.

- Venue: Druid Theatre. Admission Free.

SIMON ARMITAGE: Book Launch 6:00pm

Bloodaxe presents the official launch of 'Xanadu', the latest volume from Simon Armitage, soon to be heard by BBC viewers as the text for a commissioned BBC poem-film.

- Venue: Kenny's Bookshop, High Street.



Simon Armitage

**LIZ LOCHHEAD AND SIMON ARMITAGE
8:00 pm**

This reading brings together two of Britain's best contemporary poets. Liz Lochhead is Scottish and an established playwright as well as poet; Simon Armitage is a Probation Officer from Yorkshire and one of the brightest new names in English poetry.

- Venue: Nun's Island. Admission: £4/£3.



Liz Lochhead

**FESTIVAL CLUB: MAGUIRE & McBRIDE
10:30 pm**

Following their successful appearance at Cúirt '91, Galway comedy-duo Connor Maguire and Charlie McBride present another scurrilous array of comic poems and sketches.

- Venue: Atlanta Hotel. Admission: £2.



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- Taylor's Bar, Dominick Street
- Tempus Programme, U.C.G.

BARDIC BREAKFAST 12:30 pm

Another big success at last year's festival was the Bardic Breakfast, a midday feast of food, poetry, music, drama and humour. Participants this year include the incomparable Little John as M.C., Liz Lochhead, Galway Youth Theatre and songwriter and musician/singer Seán Tyrell.

- **Venue: Brasserie Restaurant. Admission £5/£4 (including breakfast).**

**JAYANTA MAHAPATRA
AND PAULA MEEHAN****With Helen Holohan (Soprano) 8:30 pm**

Always one of the festival highlights, Sunday night at Drimcong this year features the eminent Indian poet Jayanta Mahapatra and Ireland's Paula Meehan. They are joined by soprano Helen Holohan.

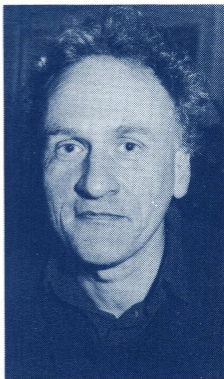
- **Venue: Drimcong House Restaurant, Moycullen. Admission: £8 including wine and savouries supplied by Drimcong House. Tickets in advance only. Sponsored by Thermo King.**

PAUL DURCAN 9:00 pm

One of Ireland's most popular and distinctive poets, whose latest collection, 'Crazy About Women', won universal praise brings Cúirt '92 to a close with this reading.

- **Venue: Nuns Island Arts Centre. Admission: £4/£3.**

Paul Durcan



FESTIVAL EXHIBITION "Place of the Three Stones"

Paintings and poems of Ballintrillick and North Sligo by Robert Bottom and Tom Morgan.

Robert Bottom was born in Cambridge in 1944 and trained at Canterbury College of Art. He has been Head of Art at Campbell College, Belfast since 1975. He has exhibited extensively over the last 20 years, including one-man shows at the Ulster Arts Club Gallery, Cavehill Gallery, Belfast, and the Oriel Gallery, Dublin; he has participated in group shows at the Royal Ulster Academy and the Royal Hibernian Academy. His work is featured in private collections in Ireland, England, America, Australia and Japan. Winner of the 1992 Lang prize for painting.

This exhibition, the "Place of the Three Stones" is the product of a longtime collaboration with Belfast poet Tom Morgan. Both artists draw their inspiration from the unique scenery and environment of North Sligo.

- Exhibition on view at #47, Dominick Street, 10 am - 5.30 pm daily.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

American poet, Jean Valentine will give a series of poetry masterclasses to a limited group (12 maximum) on the 4th and 5th of April. Applications must be made in advance. The fee is £15.

Four poets, Ian Duhig, Harry Clifton, Gabriel Rosenstock and Moya Cannon will give readings from their work to schools in Galway City.

Cúirt has organised a poetry competition for young people. Entrants may send up to two poems to Des Kenny, Kenny's Bookshop, High Street, Galway by March 20, 1992. Prizes will be awarded within three age divisions: under 12's; under 15's and under 18's and a workshop will be offered to a limited, selected group on Saturday, April 4th, 2:30 pm at Nun's Island.

SIMON ARMITAGE

Simon Armitage was born in Huddersfield in 1963 and works as a probation officer. His first collection, *Zoom*, was published by Bloodaxe in 1989 and sold out. He is widely regarded as one of the best English poets of his generation.

JAMES BERRY

Born in Jamaica, James Berry emigrated to the UK in 1948. As well as writing poetry and stories he has worked extensively for multicultural education. He won the Signal Poetry Award in 1988, the Cholmondeley Award in 1991 and, in 1990, received an OBE.

ERNEST BRYLL

Ernest Bryll is a former literary director of the Polish Theatre in Warsaw. His prose and poetry has been translated into English by Czeslaw Milosz and into several other languages. He is fluent in Irish and has translated the major Irish epic poems into Polish. He has been Polish Ambassador to Ireland since 1991.

MOYA CANNON

Moya Cannon is from Donegal and lives in Galway. Much of her poetry focuses on the seascape and landscape of Galway and North Clare. Her much-praised debut collection, *Oar*, was published by Salmon in 1990.

HARRY CLIFTON

Harry Clifton was born in Dublin in 1952. Five collections of his poetry have been published by Gallery, *The Desert Route*, *Selected Poems 1973-88*, being the most recent. He is a past winner of the Patrick Kavanagh Award.

IAIN CRICHTON SMITH

Iain Crichton Smith was born on the Isle of Lewis in 1925. He writes in both Gaelic and English and his work spans some forty years. He is one of the century's foremost Scottish poets. The *TLS* comments thus: "Over the years his poetry has increased in strangeness and beauty."

VICKI CROWLEY

Born in Malta, Vicki Crowley has lived in Galway since 1970, where she has become well-known for her work as an artist; she has exhibited widely both here and abroad. *Oasis in a Sea of Dust*, her first poetry collection is due shortly from Salmon.

IAN DUHIG

Ian Duhig was born in London of Irish parents and now works as an activist for young homeless people in York. He won the National Poetry Competition in 1987 and his first full collection, *The Bradford Court* was published last year by Bloodaxe.

SEAN DUNNE

Sean Dunne was born in Waterford in 1956 and now lives in Cork, where he works as a journalist. *Against the Storm*, his first poetry collection, was published in 1985. His prose work, *In My Father's House* was a best-seller last Christmas.

PAUL DURCAN

Paul Durcan is one of Ireland's premier poets. His most recent volume *Crazy About Women* featured in the best-seller lists for nearly six months. He is a former Whitbread Poetry Prize Winner.

ANNE FRATER

Born on the Isle of Lewis in 1967, Anne Frater began writing poetry while attending Glasgow University. Her work has been published in numerous Scottish magazines. She is currently doing a Ph.D on Scottish Gaelic Women's Literature up to 1750.

Jerzy JARNIEWICZ

Jerzy Jarniewicz is a lecturer in English literature at the University of Lodz, Poland. He is the author of two volumes of poetry and has been published widely in literary reviews in Ireland and England.

LIZ LOCHHEAD

Liz Lochhead was born in Motherwell in 1947 and currently lives in Glasgow. Her first collection of poems *Memo For Spring* was published in 1972 and subsequent collections include *Dreaming Frankenstein and Collected Poems and True Confessions and New Clichés*. She has written extensively for radio and television.

JAYANTA MAHAPATRA

Jayanta Mahapatra was born in 1928 in Cuttack, India, where he still lives. He graduated from Patna University with an MSc in Physics in 1949 and lectured thereafter in the subject. He has published 12 collections of verse in India, Britain and the U.S., including *Selected Poems*, (OUP 1987).

MAGUIRE AND McBRIDE

Connor Maguire and Charlie McBride have been writing and performing regularly together since 1988. As a duo and also as members of the Galway Comedy Cumann they have appeared at many of the country's major arts festivals. Their first play, *Aingeal An Chladaigh*, was produced last December at An Taibhdhearc by Na Fanaíthe Theatre Company.

HUGH McMILLAN

Hugh McMillan was born in Mull in 1955 and began writing poetry in 1983. He won the Scottish National Poetry Competition and the Hugh McDiarmid Trophy in 1984. *Tramontana*, his first major collection, was published in 1990.

PAULA MEEHAN

Paula Meehan is a native of Dublin and attended Trinity College and Eastern Washington University. Three collections of her poetry have been published to date; *Return and No Blame*, *Reading the Sky*, and *The Man Who Was Marked by Winter*.

TOM MORGAN

Tom Morgan hails from Ligoniel in Northern Ireland. He taught for twenty years in a secondary school in Belfast where he was Head of English. Three collections of his poetry have been published, most recently, *In Queen Mary's Gardens* (Salmon).

NUALA NI DHOMHNAILL

One of Ireland's foremost poets, Nuala ni Dhomhnaill was born in Lancashire of Irish parents and grew up in Dingle. Her first collection appeared in 1981 and five others, in Irish and English, have followed. Her most recent volumes are *Feis*, (An Sagart, 1991) and *Pharaoh's Daughter, New and Selected Poems* (Gallery 1990) in which her works are translated by numerous leading Irish poets.

JOHNNY O COISDEALBHA (JOHNNY CHOIL MHAIDHC)

Johnny Choil Mhaidhc was born and still lives in Inverin, Connemara. He is a celebrated author, raconteur and entertainer. He has written a number of plays and his first volume of poems, *Buille Faoi Thuairim Gabha* appeared in 1987.

MARY O'MALLEY

Mary O'Malley was born in Connemara and educated in UCG. She lived for eight years in Portugal, an experience which informs much of the work in her volume, *A Consideration of Silk* (Salmon 1990).

MICHEAL O'SIADHAIL

Micheal O'Siadhail was born and lives in Dublin. He has been a lecturer in Trinity but is now a full time writer. He has published three collections, most recently *The Chosen Garden* (1990). He is a member of Aosdana and the Arts Council.

STEPHEN OXLEY AND KIKI MIRYLEES

Stephen Oxley is a Londoner and has been acting since 1977. Kiki Mirylees trained in both England and Czechoslovakia. Between them they have worked with some of Britain's foremost companies, including the RSC, the National Theatre and the Royal Court. Both of them have also made many television appearances. Stephen Oxley appeared in Galway in 1990 with his hit one-man show, *Tristram Shandy*.

KATHIE PRINCE AND MARY MEDLICOTT

Kathie Prince trained as a woodwind teacher, specialising in clarinet before going on to work in theatre-in-education. She has composed music for theatre, dance and television productions all over Britain and Ireland. Mary Medlicott has been working in storytelling since 1980. She has run workshops and courses for many organisations and educational projects. She has also done television programmes on storytelling for Channel 4.

TIM ROBINSON

Tim Robinson was born in Yorkshire in 1935. In 1972 he moved to the West of Ireland to write and to make maps. His books and studies on the region have won the Ford European Conservation Award (1988) and European Year of the Environment Award (1987). Books include *Mapping South Connemara* and *Stones of Aran*. He now lives in Roundstone.

GABRIEL ROSENSTOCK

Gabriel Rosenstock was born in Dublin and is currently chairman of Poetry Ireland. His new and selected poems *Oráistí* is published by Cló Iar-Chonnachta. He has translated the works of many contemporary poets into Irish.

DEIRDRE SHANAHAN

Born in London of Irish parents, Deirdre Shanahan lives and works there still. Enitharmon Press published her debut collection, *Legal Tender*, in 1988. Her radio play, *Prussian Blue*, was broadcast by RTE in 1990.

R.S. THOMAS

R.S. Thomas is indubitably one of the finest poets now writing. He was born in Cardiff in 1913 and in 1936 was ordained a clergyman in the Church of Wales. His *Selected Poems 1946-68* was published by Bloodaxe in 1986. "He has created his own form of bleak Welsh pastoral, streaked with indignation over the history of Wales and the Welsh" (Margaret Drabble).

COLM TOIBIN

Colm Toibin was born in Wexford. Since leaving UCD he has worked as a journalist and writer, and is currently a columnist with the *Sunday Independent*. His books include *Walking Along the Border and The South*, for which he received a 1991 Aer Lingus/Irish Times Award. He is currently working on a book about Catholic Europe.

JEAN VALENTINE

Jean Valentine has published five collections of verse and is acknowledged as one of America's best poets. "...heroic guesses extending poetry out where it must both float and support -- why we need and why I love Jean Valentine's poetry" (Sandra McPherson).

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