

Éigse

Michael Hartnett
Literary & Arts Festival

Fáilte go hÉigse Michael Hartnett 2018

Éigse Michael Hartnett 2018 has a rich and varied schedule of events taking place from the 12th to 14th April.

It celebrates the literary legacy of Michael Hartnett, the poet and man. Hosted throughout the town, an ambience of warmth and conviviality is created that lends itself to lively gatherings, easy conversation and spirited debate.

This year is special because we will be joined by Michael's family, Rosemary, Niall and Lara.

Featured writers are John Boyne, Declan Kiberd, Mike McCormack, Robyn Rowland, Gabriel Fitzmaurice and Edward O'Dwyer with music from Emma Langford, the Capriccio Quartet and the Ukealadies.

Michael was an aspiring gastronome and had a great love of food and cooking. 'Pulled Pork and Poetry' with Chef Tom Flavin reflects this.

On behalf of the Éigse Michael Hartnett Committee and Limerick Culture and Arts Office we welcome all our visitors to this year's festival. As always, we hope to celebrate Hartnett's genius with good poetry, good food (and some drink!) in the company of his family, friends and myriad followers.



Micheál Ó hAirtnéide 1941-1999

Michael Hartnett was and is one of Ireland's most loved poets. Born in Limerick in 1941, his first collection Anatomy of a Cliché was published by Dolmen Press in 1968. A controversial writer he wrote both in English and Irish as well as translating a number of medieval Irish poets into English. He was a recipient of a number of awards, including the Irish Poetry Prize, a Poetry Ireland Choice award, the Irish-American Cultural Institute award and the American Ireland Fund award. He was a member of Aosdána. He died in Dublin in 1999. His Collected Poems was published by the Gallery Press. Declan Kiberd who delivers this year's Memorial Lecture at Éigse says of Hartnett:

Hartnett was the greatest translator of Irish-language poetry in the second half of the twentieth century: but, being that, he was also his country's most underrated poet. He left major poems in both languages, but also the certainty that there can be no final farewell to English

THURSDAY 12th April

Daytime Daytime - Creative Writing Workshops by Dr. Robyn Rowland

Venues: Both Second Level schools

Daytime Cluas Eile: Mirrors, Signal

A surprising journey into the magic of creative sound and story with HearSay Creative Audio Festival. Test drive our four-door at the Red Door.

7.30 pm

Official Opening of Éigse Michael Hartnett by Limerick City and County Council Mayor Stephen Keary.

Presentation of Michael Hartnett Poetry Prize 2018 - Judges Jo Slade and James Harpur.

Éigse Official Opening address: "The Possibility that has been Overlooked is the Future" by Niall Hartnett.

Venue: The Library
Saor in Aisce/Free Admission

Club na hÉigse
The Forge, Maiden Street



FRIDAY 13th April

10.30am-12 noon Morning Coffee with Poetry - Prize Winner and Patrick Moran

Venue: Upstairs in Marguerite's, 8 The Square
Free Admission. Refreshments extra.

Daytime Cluas Eile: Mirrors, Signal

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2.15pm-4.30pm Poetry Workshop for adults with Dr. Robyn Rowland

Theme: SWEET WORDS: Live in fragments no longer. Only connect - and use words, sweet words.

Venue: Desmond Complex. €30
Booking required (Numbers confined to 12)*.

3.00pm St. Ita's Storytelling and Music with Daisy Kearney and Donie Lyons.

6.00pm Book Launch and Art Exhibition

Gabriel & Brenda Fitzmaurice launch Milking the Sun/Ag Crú na Gréine. It is a translation by poet Gabriel Fitzmaurice of a series of poems by the late Séan O'Riordáin with original paintings illustrating the text by artist Brenda Fitzmaurice. Published by Salmon Poetry.

Venue: Red Door Gallery, The Square
Saor in Aisce/Free Admission

FRIDAY 13th April

8.00pm Reading with Mike McCormack & Dr. Robyn Rowland, music interludes by the Capriccio String Quartet.

Venue: Red Door Gallery, The Square
Taille: €10.00*

8.00pm Song of Granite - In association with Newcastle West Film Club.

Acclaimed filmmaker Pat Collins (of 'Necklace of Wrens' fame) brings the dramatic life story of legendary sean-nós singer Joe Heaney to the screen in **THE SONG IN GRANITE**, an audacious exploration of the man and his music. With an approach that marries traditional narrative episodes with documentary footage, the film will celebrate the music Joe Heaney created while painting an unflinching portrait of Heaney, the man.

Venue: Desmond Complex, Gortboy
Taille: €7.00*

Club na hÉigse
Central Bar, Bridge Street

SATURDAY 14th April

Saturday 14th April 11.00am Michael Hartnett Memorial Lecture 'Honey I Shrank the Kids' - Is there a Children's Literature?' by Declan Kiberd.

Venue: Longcourt House Hotel
Taille: €10*

Daytime Cluas Eile: Mirrors, Signal

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12.30pm Pulled Pork & Poetry

Tom Flavin, Head Chef, The Strand Hotel and Pigtown Festival committee member prepares a pork barbeque lunch. And Edward O'Dwyer reads poems by Michael Hartnett relating to food, cooking and the kitchens he survived in Lower Maiden Street, Camas and further afield.

Venue: Desmond Complex
Tickets: €20 - (Covers demonstration, lunch and reading). All Bookings by phone to 087-1642130. Closing date Monday 9th April.

1.30pm Come see the Ukealadies
A group of Limerick women who discovered the ukulele and wanted to change the world!

The Square

2.15pm Michael Hartnett's Favoured Haunts with Des Healy, John Cussen and Sean Kelly.

Assembling in The Square and visiting many of the places and poems synonymous with his name. Finishing at Ned Lynch's in time for the Poetry Slam.

Venue: Meet at Michael Hartnett Statue
Saor In Aisce/All Welcome

3.30pm Poetry Slam with prizes for Best Original Poem and Best Reading of Michael Hartnett Poem

Beginning in Ned Lynch's and onward to Whelan's Bar, Maiden Street. Also featuring music and songs by Trevor Sexton.

Saor in Aisce/Free Admission/All Welcome

8.00pm Reading & Music with John Boyne, Edward O'Dwyer, Emma Langford

Venue: Longcourt House Hotel
Tickets €15 from Limetree Booking Office. Tickets also available from Longcourt House Hotel and NCW Bookshop.

Club na hÉigse - Finish up Éigse at the Longcourt House Hotel

*Online pre-book recommended for certain events. Limited spaces available.
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