



STROKESTOWN

INTERNATIONAL **POETRY FESTIVAL**
AN INVITATION TO POETRY

May 2nd - 4th 2014

Friday 2 nd	6.45pm	Schools poetry competition	Judge: Margaret Hickey	Percy French Hotel
	7.30pm	Official opening	Mayor & Dignitaries	
	8.30pm	Percy French Comic Verse Prize	Judges; The Wit Committee	
Saturday 3 rd	11.00am	Readings 2 shortlist poets	Geraldine Mitchell Jane Robinson	Stroketown Park House
	12.15pm	Readings 3 shortlist poets	Marie Coveney Doireann NíGhriofa Amanda Bell	
	2.00pm	Tour of gardens	John O'Driscoll	
	3.00pm	Readings	Local Writers	
	4.15pm	Readings	Noelle Lynskey	
	5.00pm	Readings	Kieran Furey	
	8.00pm	Lecture: Prátaí na hEir-eann/The story of the Irish potato	Margaret Hickey Author	
Sunday 4 th	11.15am	Reading 2 shortlist poets	Ian McEwen Robert Hull	
	12.15pm	Cyphers magazine launch & readings	Prof Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin	
	2.30pm	Readings	Paddy Bushe Neil Astley	
	4.00pm	Readings	Gallery Press Poets John McAuliffe, Michelle O'Sullivan & Peter Fallon	
	7.00pm	Music	Stroketown Choral Group	
	7.30pm	Stroketown International Poetry Prize	Judges: Paddy Bushe & Neil Astley	
	9.30pm	Reception		
	10.30pm	Pub Poetry competition		

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE