



# STROKESTOWN

## INTERNATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL

AN INVITATION TO POETRY

28<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Poetry workshop (Booking 071 9633759)	James Harpur	<b>Percy French Hotel</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Schools poetry competition	Judge: Noelle Lynskey	
	<b>8.00pm</b>	Official opening	Eugene Murphy TD	
	<b>8.15pm</b>	Percy French Comic Verse Prize	Judge: Margaret Hickey	
	<b>9.30pm</b>	Reception		
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	Readings 3 shortlist poets	John Murphy Christopher North Anne Marie Connolly	<b>Strokestown Park House</b>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Readings 2 shortlist poets	Jane Kirwan Marcas Mac an Tuairneir	
	<b>2.15pm</b>	Tour of Strokestown Park Gardens	John O'Driscoll	
	<b>3.30pm</b>	Readings	Aedín Ní Ghadhra Pat Borthwick	
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Roscommon Poetry Prize	Judge: Noelle Lynskey	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	The Poets & Poetry of 1916	Various readers	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Duais Filíochta Dhúbhglas de hÍde-The Douglas Hyde Irish Language Poetry Prize	Judge: Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin	
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Readings 2 shortlist poets	Janina Osewska David Smith	<b>Strokestown Park House</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	Readings 2 shortlist poets	Beatrice Garland Eilis Stanley	
	<b>11.15am</b>	Readings	Margaret Hickey Jane Clarke Gerry Boland	
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Launch Of Cyphers magazine	James Harpur	
	<b>2.30pm</b>	Dedalus Press - launch of 2 new books: <i>On A turning Wing</i> by Paddy Bushe <i>Music From The Big Tent</i> by Macdara Woods.	James Harpur  Vincent Woods	
		'The Dedalus Session'	Pat Boran Grace Wells	
	<b>4.30pm</b>	'Gallery Goes' readings.	Rosita Boland Sean Lysaght Tom French	
	<b>8.00pm</b>	Strokestown International Poetry Prize	Judges: Grace Wells & Paddy Bushe	
	<b>9.30pm</b>	Reception		
	<b>10.30pm</b>	Pub Poetry competition		<b>Pub to be announced</b>