

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018  
Street Poetry Exhibition on all week end  
venues around town

12pm – 4pm Strokestown Library  
Schools poems Exhibition

4pm – 6pm Strokestown Library  
Workshop – The Shortlisted Poems with  
James Harpur

James will facilitate a poetry appreciation workshop on the shortlisted poems for the Strokestown International Poetry Prize. Booking 071 9633759 (Free)

8.00pm Percy French Hotel  
The Poetry Divas – a night of poetry  
and craic €8.00

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May

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10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm Strokestown Library  
Schools' Poetry Exhibition

12 – 12.30am  
Tony Walsh – Public performance,  
Bawn Street to Local schools

12.30 A Film about Poetry and Landscape in the Isle of Skye  
(SCDA Office)  
Ar Lorg Shomhairle - Tracing Sorley's Footsteps

2.00 Bealtaine Film: 'Home'  
Introduced by Enda Wyley

5.00pm Percy French Hotel  
Schools' Poetry Competition  
Judge: Pete Mullineaux

7.00pm Percy French Hotel  
Launch of Festival Anthology, Gerry Boland  
Reading – Pete Mullineaux

7.30pm Percy French Hotel  
Percy French Competition – A good laugh is guaranteed at this  
humorous verse competition Judge: Margaret Hickey



STROKESTOWN  
INTERNATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May

8.45 pm Percy French Hotel  
Official Opening by Orla Leyden (Cathaoirleach Ros CoCo)  
9.00pm Percy French Hotel  
Tony Walsh €10.00

10.00pm Reception *Sponsored by Eurospar, Strokestown*  
Book Launch of Ireland's Green Larder, Margaret Hickey  
Announcement of winner of 20:20 Poetry Competition  
Finbar Magee & Breige Quinn: Music

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018

10.00am Strokestown Park House  
Readings: Pádhraic Ó Finneadhá, Jo Burns,  
Julie-ann Rowell

11.15am Strokestown Park House  
Seosamh Ó Murchú, Peggie Gallagher,  
Matthew Barton

11.30 Bealtaine Film 'Home' SCDA Office

12.00 Book Launch, Mary Melvin Geoghegan,  
Moya Roddy

12.45pm Strokestown Park House  
Tour of the Park Gardens  
Courtesy SPH

12 – 2 Bawn Street, Strokestown  
The Hermit Collective and Hermit Houseband

1 – 2pm A Film about Poetry and Landscape in  
the Isle of Skye: SCDA Office  
Ar Lorg Shomhairle - Tracing Sorley's Footsteps

2pm SCDA Office  
Bealtaine Film; 'Home'

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018

2.30pm Strokestown Park House  
Rita Ann Higgins €10.00

3.45pm Strokestown Park House  
Readings: Ciarán Ó Coigligh, Peadar Ó hUallaigh,  
karla k morton,

4.30pm Strokestown Park House  
Book Launch: Majella Cullinane,  
Louise G Cole, Erin Fornoff

5.30pm Strokestown Park House  
Duais de hÍde-The Douglas Hyde Irish Language Poetry Prize  
Judge: Pádraig Mac Fhearghusa  
Music Danny Diamond

6.15 A Film about poetry and landscape in the Isle of Skye  
Ar Lorg Shomhairle - Tracing Sorley's Footsteps

8.00pm Percy French Hotel  
Evening of poetry and music: €10.00  
Jane Clarke  
Lemn Sissay  
Danny Diamond  
Followed by: Strokestown Miscellany MC James Harpur  
Come and toast the first 20 years of the festival in the company of old  
friends - prose, poetry and music Finbar Magee & Breige Quinn

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

10.00am Strokestown Park House  
Readings: Proinsias Mac a' Bhaird,  
Maisie Lawrence

10.30am Strokestown Park House  
Peter Keeble, Mícheál Ó Ruairc,

11.45am Strokestown Park House  
Launch Eva Bourke: Seeing Yellow

12.00pm Strokestown Park House  
Launch of *Cyphers* magazine  
*Cyphers* was founded in 1975 to publish Irish and international poetry. It is  
edited by Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, Macdara Woods.  
Launch: James Harpur, Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin  
Reading: Atar Hadari,

Sunday 6th May 2018 2.00pm Strokestown Park House

Readings by Moya Cannon & Harry Clifton

3.00 Strokestown Park House

James Harpur: Talk

The Wind Blows Where It Wishes:

Poetry, imagination and inspiration

4.00pm Strokestown Park House

Reading by Pdraig Mac Fhearghusa

Mary Turley-McGrath, Mark Roper

7.30pm Bealtaine Film - 'Home' Introduction by Linda Shevlin

8.00pm Strokestown Park House

Strokestown International Poetry Competition Judges:

Moya Cannon & Harry Clifton

Reception SPH

10.30 Venue to be announced Pub Poetry Competition

Music Finbar Magee & Breige Quinn

Monday 7th May 2018

Percy French Hotel

10.00 Roscommon Poet's Competition

Judge: Mary Turley-McGrath

10.45 Reading Jessamine O'Connor

11.00 Poetry Reading: Bosom Pals

All proceeds go to [www.breastcancerresearch.ie](http://www.breastcancerresearch.ie)

12.00 Recitation Competition; Come along and recite your favourite poem

All events are free except those marked with a price.

Tickets can be bought online at

<https://www.strokestownpoetry.org/> or from the office

00 353 71 9633759

Music in various Pub venues over the week end Finbar

Magee and Breige Quinn

Exhibition – Poets response to photos, 20:20 – Percy French Hotel

## Contact

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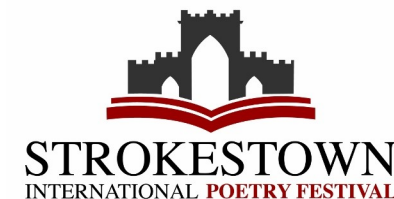


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Committee: Pat Compton, Pdraig Holmes, Shane Lynskey, Mary Dolan, Melissa Newman, Margaret Hickey, Noelle Lynskey, Anne O'Leary, Louise G Cole, Gemma Flanagan



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