



**Poetry Reading with Hibernian Poets and Guests
Rathmines Library 9th May 2015 at 2pm**

Brian Kirk is an award winning poet from Dublin and member of the Hibernian Writers' Group. His poetry has been published widely in various publications including The Irish Times, Southword, Abridged, The Stony Thursday Book and Crannóg. He won the Jonathan Swift Poetry Award in 2014. His poetry has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and the Forward Prize 2015 (single poem category). He was selected for the Poetry Ireland Introductions Series in 2013 and was shortlisted for the Patrick Kavanagh Award in 2014. He blogs at www.briankirkwriter.com.

Michael O'Dea is a native of Roscommon town. He has published two poetry collections in Ireland: *Sunfire* (Dedalus Press, 1998) and *Turn Your Head* (Dedalus Press, 2003). In 2005 a chapbook, *Felos aínda serra*, was published by Amastra-N-Galar in Galicia, Spain. In 2013 he co-edited *The Roscommon Anthology* with his brother John O'Dea. Over the years he has been director of Rathmines Festival and Festival Under The Clock, this year he is one of the organisers of Canalaphonic. Currently teaching in Rathmines College, he also facilitates poetry workshops around the country. His poetry can be read online at *Poetry and Miscellaneous Yap*.

John Saunders is a founder member of the Hibernian Writers' Group. His collections are *After the Accident* (Lapwing Press, 2010) and *Chance* (New Binary Press, 2013). One of three featured poets in *Measuring, Dedalus New Writers*, 2012, he was shortlisted in the 2012 inaugural Desmond O'Grady Poetry Competition and is a 2014 Pushcart Nominee. John's poems have appeared in journals in Ireland, the UK and America, on many online sites, and been included in *The New Binary Press Anthology of Poetry*, *The Stony Thursday Book*, *The Scaldy Detail* 2013, *Conversations with a Christmas Bulb* (Kind of a Hurricane Press, 2013), *The Poetry of Sex*, (Penguin, 2014), *Fatherhood Anthology* (Emma Press UK, 2014), and *The Fate of Berryman Anthology* (Arlen House, 2014).

Amanda Bell is a freelance editor who has lived in Portobello and Rathmines for all of her adult life. A member of the Hibernian Writers' Group, in 2014 she was shortlisted for the Cúirt New Writing Prize and the Strokestown International Poetry Competition. She is currently working on a *haibun* series about Irish rivers, from which she will be reading about the Swan and Poddle.

John Murphy's debut poetry collection, *The Book of Water*, was published by Salmon Press in 2012. He has been shortlisted for the Patrick Kavanagh prize and the FISH prize, twice shortlisted for the Hennessy Cognac / Sunday Independent New Irish Writer of the Year, and twice shortlisted for the Bridport Prize (Finalist, and prizewinner 2013). He was in the final shortlist of the 2014, Penguin/RTE Guide competition, and the 2015 Cúirt Short Story Prize. He is a previous winner of the UK Blue Nose Poetry prize, and the Boyle Arts festival poetry prize. This year, he is in the final shortlist of the Strokestown International Poetry Prize (to be announced May, 2015). New poems are forthcoming in Poetry Ireland Review, Cyphers, and The Moth.

Philip Cummins is originally from Drumconrath, Co. Meath. He is a graduate of Manchester Metropolitan University's MA in Creative Writing. Previously shortlisted for the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award, his poems have appeared in *Cyphers* and *The Burning Bush 2*. His arts criticism has appeared in *The Irish Post*, *NME* and entertainment.ie. He lives and works in Dublin.

Maurice Devitt – After a career in business he completed the Poetry Studies MA at Mater Dei in Dublin, focusing on the poetry of James Wright, John Berryman, Charles Bernstein and others. During 2014 he was runner-up in *Over the Edge New Writer Award*, short-listed for *Poets Meet Painters*, *Cúirt New Writing Award*, *The Listowel Writers' Week Collection Competition* and selected for *The Cork Spring Poetry Festival*. Over the past four years he has had 100+ poems accepted by various journals in Ireland, England, Scotland, the US, India, Australia and Mexico. He is a founder member and chairperson of the Hibernian Writers' Group.

This is a free event with limited seating. Please call Rathmines Library at 01 497 3539 to book a seat.

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