Participants:

Colette Nic Aodha Colette Nic Aodha, a poet from Shrule, Co. Mayo, holds a degree in Irish and History from the National University of Ireland, Galway. She has published in English and Irish. She has just completed a masters in modern Irish at NUI Galway on the poet Raiftearaí. Her new book to be launched at the festival is ‘Raiftearaí Í Ceartlár a Dhaoine san Aonú hAois is Fiche.’ She lives in Galway with her three sons.


Paul Casey Paul Casey was born in Cork, Ireland in 1968. He has lived in Europe and Africa working in film, multimedia and teaching. He began writing poetry in 1992 and has been reading and performing his work across Ireland and abroad since 2003. His poetry and reviews has been published in a number of Irish journals including THE SHOp, Revival, Cork Literary Review, Southword and Census. A chapbook of his longer poems; ‘It’s not All Bad’ was published by Heaventree Press in May 2009. He is the founder and organiser of the weekly Ó Bheal poetry event in Cork, where he also gives poetry workshops, makes films and organises poetry events.

Geraldine Mitchell Geraldine Mitchell is a Mayo-based writer who won the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award in 2008. A former teacher, she is also the author two novels for young people and a biography.

Terry McDonagh Terry McDonagh, poet and dramatist, has published four collections of poetry; a play, a book of letters and a novel and poetry for children. His work has been translated into Indonesian and German, funded by ILE. With piper Dármadaí Mór, he completes poet/piper duo, Raithneach. Twelve of his poems have been put to music by German composer, Eberhard Reichel. His latest collection, Cill Aodáin & Nowhere Else, illustrated by artist Sally McKenna, was published in 2008.

Louise Lawrence Louise Lawrence writes novels for the teenage market. She has had 26 books published during a career spanning 35 years – all being science-fiction or fantasy. Louise is a blow-in from England and has been living in Ireland since 1998.

Ger Reidy Ger Reidy, a native of Aughagower, is a short story writer and poet. His poetry collection, Pictures From A Reservation, was published in 1998. His next collection is due in the near future. He is the recipient of several poetry prizes and has read countrywide in Ireland. ‘Ger Reidy’s poetry is inspired by the untamed landscape of Mayo’...The Irish Times ‘Reidy’s poems are powerful, buried in the landscape of the west of Ireland.’...Books Ireland.

Tony Reidy Tony Reidy is a songwriter whose themes include tales of informers, small town romance, dreamers, losers and clowns. “If at least one of these songs doesn’t grow into lasting life, there’s no justice.” Sarah McQuaid “Hot Press” “Music for a messed-up Celtic Tiger? A lesson for those with a weakness for beauty when it’s bruised.” Cher Powney “The Living Tradition”

Joe Byrne Joe Byrne from Achadh Mór; is a musician, an avid and tireless collector of song and story and a popular bilingural presenter of his music, story and literary findings. – Ceol agus Ealaion – on Midwest Radio at 10pm on Tuesdays – on the graveyard hour... ‘Joe’s world’ His latest project is his 12th CD – Ceol agus Ealaion – which includes music, lore, poetry, song and story is a celebration of 20 years of his work with Midwest Radio.

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Festival Programme November 9th to November 14th:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
Morning: Outreach workshops in Kilkelly NS and St Louis Secondary School, Kiltimagh with poet, Terry McDonagh.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
Morning: Outreach in Balla Secondary School with Terry McDonagh.
8.00pm: International author Louise Lawrence reads to Kiltimagh Bookclub in Kiltimagh Library.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
Morning: Outreach in Balla NS with Terry McDonagh.
8.00pm: Booklaunch: “Raiftearaí I gCeartlár a Dhaoine San Aonú hAois is Fiche,” (a bilingual evening on Raftery) by author, Colette Nic Aodha...introduced by Joe Byrne in Cill Aodán Hotel.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th
Morning: Outreach in Bohola NS with Terry McDonagh.
8.00pm: Open mic evening with Mayo poets music and much more in The Electric Mouse.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th
Workshop with poet Geraldine Mitchell in Kiltimagh National School
Outreach in Craggah NS with Terry McDonagh.
8.00pm: Poet and novelist, Philip Casey and poet, Paul Casey read, in The Electric Mouse.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th
11am to 12.30pm...a practical workshop on basic acting and presentation skills with poet and dramatist, Terry McDonagh in the Town Hall Theatre.
2.30pm to 4.30pm: two workshops:
1) Rhythm in African Poetry with Cork poet, Paul Casey. We will be taking a look at contemporary examples of African poetry, and at how to write through your own inner poetic rhythms, by connecting with those from the natural world and your everyday surroundings. in Kiltimagh Library.
2) Reidy brothers: poet, Ger and singer/songwriter, Tony, present a workshop on the link between song, music and word in the Town Hall Theatre.
8.00pm: Poetry Slam prizes in The Electric Mouse.

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