‘Baffle’ as Gaeilge ‘07

Ba mhaith le ‘Gaeilge Locha Riach’ fáilte speisialta a chur roimh na himeachtaí gaelacha eagraithe le linn Féile Baffle i mBaile Locha Riach, Co. na Gaillimhe ag deireadh na míosa. Is féile liteartha bliantúil í seo atá aitheanta go náisiúnta anois agus i mbliana beidh sí ag tarlú 26-28 Deireadh Fómhair.

Mar chuid den oscailt oifigiúil ina mbeidh fáiltiú speisialta ar siúl le fíon is smailceanna bia ar fáil, cuirfear fáilte ar leith roimh ***Lfcs le NcdMrdi mloo*** a chuirfeas tús le imeachtaí na deireadh seachtaine in Óstán O’Deas ag 8.00 i.n. Aoine 26 Deireadh Fómhair. Glactar leis go forleathan go bhfuil an Lochlannach seo i measc na bhfilí is fearr atá ag saothrú in Éirinn i láthair na huaire. Fá láthair, is é an scríbhneoir cónaithe in Ollscoil Uladh, Cúil Raithin. Tá go leor gradam buaite aige as saothair éagsúla thar na blianta ina measc: *‘Babylon Gaeilgeoir’*, *‘Na Scéalaithe’*, *‘Sruth Teangacha’* agus ‘*Rakish Paddy Blues’*.

Ansin ar an Satharn 27 Deireadh Fómhair idir 11.00 agus 1.00 san Óstán céanna, beidh ceardlann liteartha eagraithe ar son scríbhneoirí gaelacha agus é faoi stiúir ***Ti ócn cv Ncd Boockei*** . Mar úrséalaí comhaimseartha, tá clú agus cáil ar a shaothar ó scríobhadh *‘Cuaifeach mo Londubh Buí’* 1983. Faraor, tá go leor úrscéalta is eile curtha i gcló ag an údar aitheanta seo ó shin agus é ina scríbhneoir cónaithe in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe sa lá inniú. Aithnítear gur shaothraigh sé mar eagarthóir liteartha leis an nuachtán *‘Lá’* ar feadh na blianta agus go mbíonn sé ag saothrú mar cholúnaí liteartha do fhoilseacháin éagsúla go fóill. Tá tuiscint nach beag ag ***Ncd Boockei*** ar na genre éagsúla liteartha agus b’fhiú go mór d’éinne atá ag iarraidh a scileanna scríbhneoireachta a fheabhsú nó a fhorbairt clárú don cheardlann liteartha seo.

Cuirfear tús leis an chomórtas filíochta bunaithe ar an téama: *‘Aghaidheanna ag athrú’* an oíche sin i dtithe tabhairne an bhaile. Déanfar moltóireacht ar na dánta i nGaeilge in Óstán O’Deas an oíche sin. Caithfidh gach iarratasóir a s(h)aothar féin a léamh go poiblí agus níl cead dánta foilsithe a úisáid. Beidh seisiúín scéalaíochta leis an seanchaí ***ď kn Gycov*** sular bronnfar na duaiseanna:

1ú Duais Greanfar ainm an bhuaiteora i dTornapa **‘Baffle’** mar ***æcse EcHmfi 722A*** agus bronnfar €300 air/uirthi.

2ú Duais €200

3ú Duais €100

Bronnfar duais speisialta *‘Rogha an Phobail’* chomh maith.

Is é seo an 11ú bliain as a chéile atá féile Baffle ar siúl agus a bhuíochas le Foras na Gaeilge tá fás is forbairt tagtha ar na gnéithe gaelacha san fhéile.

Má tá fiosrúcháin ag éinne fá na himeachtaí éagsúla nó má tá suim ag duine ar bith clárú don chomórtas filíochta,

déan teagmháil le **www.baffle.ie**

nó glaoigh ar Ger Bane ag 086 3956921 i ndiaidh 6.00 i.n.

BAFFLE FESTIVAL Theme 'Changing Faces'

Up to now the theme for the BAFFLE Festival has been sourced in the past. This year our theme is very much based on the present. 'Change' is happening everywhere at a rapid pace and in every facet of our society. The physical appearance of towns and villages all over Ireland has changed dramatically over the course of a few years. The make up of our population has changed and we now have a country made up of a variety of nationalities and languages. The face of entertainment has changed from 'seanchai' Ireland to 'rap' Ireland and everything in between. Of course BAFFLE as a group and a Festival has evolved and changed as well over the course of its existence. So our theme this year is 'Changing Faces'. Good luck to all those writing for it, and 'enjoy' to all of you coming to join in 'The Craic' over the weekend.

Friday October 26th

8.00pm *O'Deas Hotel*

Festival Opening with Wine and Cheese reception.
Followed by Julian Gough reading from his works and
Gearóid Mac Lochlainn with his poetry and music as Béarla agus Gaeilge.
Adm. €10

Saturday October 27th

11.00am *O'Dea's Hotel*

Ceardlann Filíocht le Séamus Mac Annaidh. Adm. €20

11.00am *Loughrea Library*

Poetry appreciation workshop with James Harpur. Adm. €20

2.30pm *Naomh Brendáin Credit Union*

Song Writing workshop with Ronan Johnston. Adm. €20

2.30pm *BAFFLE Ramble.*

An escorted walk through Loughrea's
history with 'poetic' interludes. Starting from The Abbey
and finishing with refreshments in the Green Room, Teach Beag

4.00pm *O'Dea's Hotel*

James Lawless reading from his new novel 'Peeling Oranges'
Adm. Free

7.30 - 8.30pm

Registration at O'Dea's Hotel for 'BAFFLE Bard 2007'

Theme: **'Changing Faces'** Entry fee €5

9.00pm

Heats of the Poetry competition in Harney's, Garrett's and Finnegan's

Sunday October 28th

12 noon The BAFFLE Brunch at
Slatefort House Restaurant with Sunny Jacobs reading extracts from her book 'Stolen Time'. M.C. Declan O'Brien, broadcaster, wit and poet.
Bus leaving from O'Dea's Hotel at 11.45am sharp.
Adm. €20 (includes brunch and transport)

8.00pm Gala evening in O'Dea's Hotel
Commencing with Seanchaí Tim Evans followed by
the final of the BAFFLE Bard 2007 adjudicated by playwright, poet and Aosdána member Vincent Woods.

'The People's Choice Award' will also be presented.
Adm. €10

The **Bowes Academic Fellowship and Fraternity of Literary Esoterics** had it's conception in1984 in a small but select, and sadly now extinct, drinking establishment in Loughrea Co. Galway named Bowes-Kennedy. It was there through the stimuli of alcohol, nicotine and general camaraderie that a suitably inebriated gathering found itself talking along the lines of Anthony Hope's: *"I wish you would read a little poetry sometimes, your ignorance cramps my conversation".*

Thus **BAFFLE** was created with the intention of forming a catalyst of poets where there would be no censorship of language, revelation, humour, or innovation. Indeed these attributes would only serve to emphasise and enhance MacCauley's adage *"Perhaps no person can be a poet, or even enjoy poetry without a certain unsoundness of mind."*

Since it's inception, the group has met regularly for the performance of their works, the venue being one of the local pubs.

The basic concept being that participants compose and perform a poem on a given theme, which is announced a few weeks in advance to give aspiring poets time to hone their craft. Of course, some poets are notorious for scribbling their final lines soon after reaching the pub, and we really should not mention the people who only begin writing when they get there!

All are welcome to perform, especially new poets. The group consists of a melange of locals, and *"blow-ins"* from every corner of Ireland, not to mention our members from Germany and Britain. We are also strongly affiliated with the **Portumna group**, organised by ***Srfmfi Méovl fé***.

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