

Sunday 6th May 2018

Strokestown Park House 2.00pm
Readings by Moya Cannon & Harry Clifton

Strokestown Park House 3.00pm
James Harpur: Talk
The Wind Blows Where It Wishes:
Poetry, imagination and inspiration

Strokestown Park House 4.00pm
Reading by Pdraig Mac Fhearghusa
Mary Turley-McGrath, Mark Roper

Strokestown Park House 7.30pm
Home, a Bealtaine Film Poem Commission
Introduction by Linda Shevlin, Visual Artist

Strokestown Park House 8.00pm
Strokestown International Poetry Competition
Judges: Moya Cannon & Harry Clifton
Reception SPH

Venue to be announced
Pub Poetry Competition 10.30
Music Finbar Magee & Breige Quinn

Monday 7th May 2018

Percy French Hotel 10am - 1.30pm
Roscommon Poet's Competition 10.00
Judge: Mary Turley-McGrath

Poetry Reading 10.45am Jessamine O'Connor

Poetry Reading 11.00am Bosom Pals

All proceeds go to www.breastcancerresearch.ie

Recitation Competition: Come along and recite
your favourite poem 12.00

Music in various Pub venues over the week end
Finbar Magee and Breige Quinn

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

All events are free except those
marked with a price.

Tickets can be bought online at
www.strokestownpoetry.org

or from the office

Office (10am - 1pm) 00 353 71 9633759
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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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STROKESTOWN
INTERNATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL

2018



Thursday 3rd May - Monday 7th May 2018

Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, Ireland

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Thursday 3rd May 2018

Street Poetry Exhibition on all weekend
Venues around town

Strokestown Library 12pm-4pm
Schools poems Exhibition

Strokestown Library 4.00pm-6.00pm
Workshop - The Short listed 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)

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

Friday 4th May

Strokestown Library 10am-1.00pm &
2.00pm-5.00pm
Schools' Poetry Exhibition

12-12.30pm Tony Walsh - Public performance, Bawn Street to Local schools

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

Percy French Hotel 2.00pm *Home*, a Bealtaine Film Poem Commission **Introduced by Enda Wyley Poet**

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

Percy French Hotel 7.00pm
Launch of Festival Anthology, Gerry Boland, Author and Poet, followed by
Poetry Reading - Pete Mullineaux

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



Percy French Hotel 8.45 pm
Official Opening by Orla Leyden
(Cathaoirleach Ros CoCo)

Percy French Hotel 9.00pm
Tony Walsh €10.00

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

Saturday 5th May 2018

Strokestown Park House 10.00am
Readings: Pádraic Ó Finneadha, Jo Burns, Julie-ann Rowell

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

Home, a Bealtaine Film Poem Commission. SCDA Office 11.30am

Strokestown Park House 12.00pm Book Launch,
Mary Melvin Geoghegan, Moya Roddy

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

Bawn Street, Strokestown 12.00-2.00pm
The Hermit Collective and Hermit Houseband

SCDA Office 1.00-2.00pm
Film: **Ar Lorg Shomhairle - Tracing Sorley's Footsteps**

SCDA Office 2.00pm
Home, a Bealtaine Film Poem Commission

Saturday 5th May 2018

Strokestown Park House 2.30pm
Rita Ann Higgins €10.00

Strokestown Park House 3.45pm
Readings: Ciarán Ó Coigligh, Peadar Ó hUallaigh, Karla K Morton

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

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

Strokestown Park House 6.15pm Film: **Ar Lorg Shomhairle - Tracing Sorley's Footsteps**

Percy French Hotel 8.00pm 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**

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Readings: Proinsias Mac a' Bhaird, Maisie Lawrence

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

Strokestown Park House 11.45am
Launch Eva Bourke: Seeing Yellow

Strokestown Park House 12.00pm
Launch of Cyphers magazine
Cyphers was founded in 1975 to publish Irish and international poetry. Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin and Macdara Woods.

Launch: **James Harpur, Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin**
Reading: **Atar Hadari**