

PRESS RELEASE

Longford Writers Gripped by Latest Craze - Poetry Bingo

Thursday October 4th has been designated National Poetry Day by Poetry Ireland. It is the one day of the year when poetry and literature lovers throughout the country celebrate that art form for which we as a nation, are rightly famous, all over the world – poetry.

Longford of course is no exception not least because it probably has more creative writers per head of population than any other county in Ireland. Thursday night will see an extravaganza of poetry and music in The Canal Studio Backstage Theatre Longford. The lead poet on the night will be the celebrated and ever popular Granard poet Noel Monaghan. Noel will read from some of his latest work as well as some of his more popular pieces from earlier collections.

Longford's rich literary heritage will not be forgotten with selected writers reading pieces by Goldsmith, and Leo "Keegen" Casey. Local soprano Corrine McCormack Bushell will sing a rendition of Colum's - She Moved Through the Fair and there will be a further musical interlude during which the increasingly popular Windsong Harp Ensemble will thrill the audience with their own inimitable versions of classical, jazz, popular and Irish standards.

The second half of the evenings proceedings will involve what is known as; Poetry Bingo. Writers who are interested in reading from their work will be given a number on arrival and the MC Adrian Duncan will pull numbers at random from a bingo machine the writers who's numbers are called will read their favourite pieces and prizes will be given to the best readers – to possibly the worst readers – to someone who reads the funniest poem of to whomever the MC decides to give one to.

Whatever happens, one thing is for sure everyone will have a great night and they will find that poetry isn't always serious and can often be fun.

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