

## **Press Release**

### **Midlands Arts & Culture Magazine Winter Issue 2012**

There has been so much activity in the arts and cultural scene in the midlands that this issue had to be extended from 32 pages to 36.

This edition of the magazine sees an American publisher snap up a Longford writers novel an Offaly director who is following up the success of his previous film: The Moment, with the release of another short film called the Runner and a brand new gallery opening in Westmeath while Laois teens explore life through a lens.

In this edition of the Magazine it is impossible not to notice the number of writers and poets throughout the Midlands, in Longford as mentioned the author Lorne Patterson managed to get his novel snapped up by an American publisher and the writers in the county were even honoured by the Irish Writers Centre. In Edenderry, Dr. Philip Brady has launched his sixth anthology of poetry and in Laois the award winning poet Pat Boran has published his first collection of poetry in ten years. This is great news for aspiring writers and goes to show how much support is available for people who like putting pen to paper.

Longford recently held the Aisling children's Festival – a week long festival dedicated to children with many free events which was a wonderfully colourful way for children to actually take part in the arts and to try something new.

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