

Press Release

Opening the Window on 20 Years

Opening the window on Twenty years when Granard man Noel Sweeney puts his heart and soul into a task, he delivers. This is especially true of Windows Publications; a publication founded 20 years ago to provide a platform for established and emerging writers. It was successfully established by Noel Monahan and his colleagues Heather Brett and Simon D. Supported by Longford Cavan and Monaghan County Councils Windows Publications has recently an anthology titled Windows 20 Years.

In describing the publication Noel and his colleague Heather Brett write; "Surrender under its current of thoughts Fall under its spell". Speaking from his home in Cavan Noel said, "To reach 20 years is an achievement. While we have published established writers over the years we have also supported emerging talent too."

This year our publication features three other Longford writers namely; Margaret Nohilly (Lanesborough), Kieran Furey and Mary Melvin Geoghegan (Longford). Incorporating artists and writers from across the country Windows 20 Publication provides an insight into Irish literature today. Paintings are exhibited along side short stories and prepared pieces of poetry. Noel himself has five collections of poetry all published by Salmon, Ireland: Opposite Walls(1991) Snowfire (1995) Curse of the Birds (2000) The Funeral Game (2004) Curve of the Moon (2010).

His poetry has been translated into Italian, Romanian, French and Russian and he has read his work and given numerous workshops at summer schools and festivals throughout Longford and Ireland. He is also the recipient of many prestigious literary awards. Noel is currently working on his sixth collection of poetry, along side two plays, all of which he hopes to complete next year. "I'm looking forward to the year ahead and to giving more readings in Longford", he said.

Windows 20 will be launched in the Canal Studio Backstage Theatre Longford on Thursday 8th November 2012. Windows 20 is available in Eason's in Cavan and in bookshops in Longford.

Ends

08/12/12.