

# Derry Playhouse Writers

Keep on Writing!

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## Congratulations to:

**Jacqueline McMenamin** whose poetry has been included in the anthology, "**You Can't Eat Flags for Breakfast**" along with those of Seamus Heaney, Tom Paulin, Meave McGuckin. She has also been asked to read at the Belfast Literary Festival in November 2001.

**Madeline McCully** who entered the Orta San Guilio, Novara, Italy poetry competition and her poem '*The Glimpse*' was selected for publication in their **Poetry on The Lake Anthology** to be published next year.

**Brian Foster** whose newest play, '**Mama, Elvis and Me**' has been accepted by the Red Kettle Theatre for production in Dublin in Fall 2002.

## DPW Website:

Check [www.derryplayhousewriters.org](http://www.derryplayhousewriters.org) for previous newsletters, events, contests, upcoming Master Classes, projects, etc.

**REMINDER:** If you order books on-line, please do so from Amazon.co.uk listed on our website. DPW receives five to fifteen percent of each sale which, once this reaches £10, is directly deposited into our Bank of Ireland account. Please tell your friends and acquaintance to order via our website as well. But please remember you must do this from our website connection to Amazon.co.uk.

If you want a brief biographical entry listed on our Website please post this to Margie Bernard at the address listed on the masthead of this newsletter or at [margiebdc@eircom.net](mailto:margiebdc@eircom.net). Please keep this entry under four to five lines!

## DPW Office

We share office space with the **Derry Film Initiative** folk which is also where we hold our weekly workshop. This is located at 10-16 Pump Street on the second floor. There is a bulletin board with items of interest and we are in the process of establishing a library of books and journals—donations are most welcome.

We now have a telephone: 028 71 281 111 (from NI)  
048 71 281 111 (from RI).

## Mark Your Calendar!

**An Audience with Séamus Dean**, chaired by DPW Writer **Julie Doherty**. Dean will read from his work and participate in a discussion on Friday, August 10 August 2001 @ 2:00pm. Venue: An Druma Mór, The Gasyard Centre, Derry.

**Eugene Sheehan's** play, **Lest We Forget**, based on the 1981 Hunger Strikes at Long Kesh Prison will be performed, Monday, 20 August, 2001 @ 8:0pm. at the Creggan Community Centre, Derry.

**The Armagh Festival of Writing** will take place at The Market Place Theatre & Arts Centre, Armagh, Sat & Sun August 24th & 25th. The weekend features workshops for poets and playwrights, a talk by **Jean O'Brien** from the **Irish Writers' Centre**, a talk by **John Brown** on the role and future of writing groups, readings and an open forum, as well as a disco to round off proceedings. The weekend's special guest is **Olivia Nash** ('Ma' from the **Hole in the Wall Gang**).

For full details contact Patricia McAllister at 028 37526551 or at [johnmcallister@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:johnmcallister@ukonline.co.uk).

**The Rough Magic Theatre Company's** play **Midden** will have it's Irish premier at the **Derry Playhouse** on

## Master Class:

**Yabo Yablonsky Script Writing Master Class** (play and film) October 2001. He will also direct his play '**Jews Without Money**' featuring local talent scheduled to open at Derry Playhouse on 22 November at 8pm.

Yabo will be with us for approximately six to eight weeks in October/November 2001. If you are interested in attending this Master Class, please leave a message for Margie Bernard at the Derry Playhouse: 028 71 268027 (NI) — 048 71 268027 (RI).

## Contests & Competitions:

**The Phillip Good Memorial Prize:**  
Submission deadline: 21 August 2001.  
Short story competition is open to all over 18. This year's judge is Elizabeth Chadwick. Entries, up to 5000 words, accompanied by an entry fee of £5 per story, should be sent to The Competition Secretary, QWF, PO Box 1768, Rugby CV21 4ZA.

If you know of any other contests we should consider entering, please submit them to DPW. Also please consult our website regularly for additional listings.

## Save Any Rejection Slips!

**DPW** has established an annual **Perseverance Pays Award** which will be given annually to the person who has received the most rejection slips! This will be awarded at our Annual General Membership Meeting which will be held in September 2001.

## DPW Weekly Workshop

This is your workshop! We provide tea, support and sympathy for lost and lonely writers! Get out of your garret and join us at our space located at 10-16 Pump Street, second floor every Wednesday from Noon until 4pm.

## Newsletter Items

We welcome your contributions to our newsletter. If you know of upcoming events or contests, please let us know so they can be included in future newsletters. It is preferable that these be in writing and sent to: DPW, Derry Playhouse, 5-7 Artillery Street, Derry BT48 6RG.

## Management Committee:

**Chair:** Ellen Factor  
**Vice-Chair:** Vacant  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Margie Bernard  
**At Large Members:** Ann Keys Colton, Bridie Conefry, Joe Duggan, Eugene Floyd, Don McCamphill

**Mentors:** David Gothard and Brian Foster.

