

Derry Playhouse Writers

Keep on Writing!

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DPW Showcase

Our One Year Anniversary Showcase celebration occurred Thursday, 21 June, 2001 at the Derry Playhouse before a very appreciative audience.

Our Review of Works featured poetry, short stories, one-act plays, humorous skits, songs, memoirs, and snippets of longer works by some of our writers. These were: Anne Crilly, Bridie Canning, Ellen Factor, Eugene Sheehan, Joe Duggan, Kathleen Hutton, Madeline McCully, Margie Bernard, Owen Bradley, Rosemary Quinn. It was directed by Ellen Factor with production assistance from Kathleen Hutton. Program and poster and promotion: Owen Bradley. Technical support: Martin Bradley.

The production was videoed and will be available for purchase in the near future.

We thank the **Arts Council of Northern Ireland** and **Co-operation Ireland** for funding our event and **Ann Craig** of the **Oral and Written Network** for her support & assistance.

Congratulations to:

Ann Crilly ~ Her movie, **Limbo**, commissioned by **TG4** is scheduled to go into production at the end of July 2001.

The Chancer No. Five ~ Had its successful launch in the intimate, cozy setting of our office space on June 14, 2001. People read poetry and short stories.

Julie Doherty ~ Her short story, **The Raid**, won the **Children in Crossfire Award** presented by the **Derry City Council**. She also was a panelist in a workshop on **Writing and War**, at the annual **Liverpool Writers Festival**.

DPW Website

Check www.derryplayhousewriters.org for previous newsletters, events, contests, up-coming 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. Please keep this entry under four to five lines!

Recommended Books:

The following are recent publication by two first time authors whom you might like to order from our Amazon.com website connection. If you have others to recommend please let us know.

Mystery: **These Violent Delights**. Dennis Koller. (Paperback - March 2001) £12.20.

History: **Love and Liberation : When the Jews Tore Down the Ghetto Walls**. Ralph Fertig (Paperback - January 2001) £15.74

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 have not yet established regular hours but hope to set up a schedule shortly.

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

Contests & Competitions:

Weekly Internet Short Story Contest:

Submissions Deadline: None. Each week a short story will be selected for publication on www.story-tellers.co.uk. The winning entry will be paid £100, with the annual Best Story receiving £1,000, plus a £500 Second Prize and a £300 Third Prize. Ongoing entry and entry forms can be downloaded from the above website.

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.

Moonshine Prize for Fiction:

Submission deadline: 31 July 2001 for best short story of up to 2500 words. Details at www.moonshine-prize.co.uk. Enclose £5 per story with each entry. These should be sent to: The Moonshine Prize for Fiction 2001, PO Box 353, Chesterfield, S42 6GX.

Second Annual Salmon Poetry

Publication Award: Submission deadline: 31 July 2001. Will publish a first collection of poetry by an Irish writer or Irish resident. Manuscripts should contain at least 30 poems, but not more than 60, and must be accompanied by a SAE.

The submission must have a cover sheet with title and authors name; the name should not appear on other pages of manuscript. Processing fee of £10.00 must be included. Winners will be announced in late September 2001. Manuscripts should be sent to: Jessie Lendennie - Salmon Publishing Ltd. - Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare. For more info, E-mail www.info@salmonpoetry.com

The above is a partial listing. 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.

Mark Your Calendar!

Eugene Sheehan's play, **Lest We Forget**, based on the 1981 Hunger Strikes at Long Kesh Prison will be performed, Monday, 20 August, 2001 @ 8:00P.M. at the Creggan Community Centre, Derry.

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 15 November at 8pm.

Yabo will be with us for approximately six to eight weeks in October/November 2001. His CV is attached and 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).

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.

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. You may also e-mail these to margiebdc@eircom.net.



Make voyages!—Attempt them!—there's nothing else. Tennessee Williams