

# Derry Playhouse Writers

Keep on Writing!

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## DPW'S SHOWCASE CELEBRATION

### Showcase Rescheduled

Due to proverbial 'circumstances beyond our control', we've had to reschedule our One Year Anniversary celebration to Thursday, 21 June, 2001 @ 8:00pm at the Derry Playhouse. Admission: £2.00 regular, £1.00 concession.

Our Showcase of Work will feature poetry, short stories, humorous skits, songs, memoirs, and snippets of longer works in progress by some of our members. Our line-up to date includes: Aisling Doherty, Ann Keys Colton, Anne Crilly, Bridie Canning, Bridie Conefry, Ellen Factor, Eugene Floyd, Eugene Sheehan, Joe Duggan, Julie Doherty, Kathleen Hutton, Lena Lyle, Louis Burns, Madeline McCully, Margie Bernard, Owen Bradley, Peter Shanahan, Rosemary Quinn,

Our Showcase will be directed by Ellen Factor with production assistance from Aisling Doherty and Kathleen Hutton.

Please attend and bring family and friends to watch and hear us as we glitter and weave webs of words!

We thank the **Arts Council of Northern Ireland** and the **Oral and Written Network** for providing funding for this event.

### DPW Website

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

**REMINDER:** If you order books online, please do so from Amazon.co.uk listed on our website. DPW receives five to

fifteen percent of each sale which, once

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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.

**LISTING:** We are going to list on our website every participant who has attended David Gothard's Master Classes over the past five years and/or have attended DPW workshops along with their e-mail address (if any).

Also, if you want a brief biographical entry 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!

### 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). However, we currently lack an answering machine but hope to rectify this shortly.



***Only the hand that erases can write***

Meister Eckhart, 13th-Century Mystic

## Congratulations to:

**Ann Keys-Colton** for being accepted for a two-week writer's retreat at the **Tyrone Guthrie Centre** in Monaghan. She also received funding from the Omagh City Council to cover her expenses.

**Lena Lyle** as featured poet of the month in the latest issue of **Fingerpost**.

**Margie Bernard** for having a poem selected for a **Poetry in Motion** poster which will be placed in local shops.

## Contests & Competitions:

**RTE** is sponsoring: **Poetry on Radio**.  
Submission deadline: 22 June 2001.  
Subject: Experience of Radio. Maximum length 30 lines. Submit to: RTE - Donnybrook, Dublin 4.

**Weekly Internet Short Story Contest:**  
Submissions Deadline: None. Each week a short story will be selected for publication on [www.story-tellers.co.uk](http://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. On-going 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](http://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.

**National Poetry Anthology:** Submission deadline: 30 June 2001. Accepting three poems of no more than 20 lines and 160

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words each. If you want a reply enclose second class stamp with your entry. No entry fee. Up to 200 winners representing different towns in the UK and N. Ireland will be selected. Submit entries to: United Press Ltd. 1 Yorke Street, Burnley BB11 1 HD.

## 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. E-mail: [www.info@salmonpoetry.com](mailto:www.info@salmonpoetry.com) for more information.

The above is a partial listing. If you know of any other contests we should consider entering, please submit them to DPW.

## Events Not to be Missed

**Oral and Written Network Reading:**  
Thursday, 7 June 2001 @ 8:30pm. Location: Buncrana Community Library. This event will feature the 12 writing groups that belong to the Network. DPW members, Ellen Factor, Margie Bernard and Owen Bradley will be reading. Refreshments and wine served. Free admission.

**The Chancer No. 5 Launch:** Thursday, 14 June 2001 @ 8pm. Location: DPW/DFI Space - Second Floor 10-16 Pump Street, Derry. Featuring 'Bunch of Chancers' Jani Melia, Joe Duggan, Jay McClaren and Greg McCartney with Eugene W. Fader and guest Chancers. All welcome. Refreshments provided. Free Admission.

**DPW Showcase:** Thursday, 21 June 2001 @ 8:00pm. Derry Playhouse, 5-7 Artillery Street. (See lead article above for more details.)

**Rivers of Life Festival:** Sunday, 24 June 2001. Location: Community Arts Centre, Omagh. A video by **Eugene Floyd** of **Ann Keys-Colton** reading her poetry will be a featured event. Both Ann and Eugene are DPW members.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**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.

Yablonsky has been the director/writer of numerous stage, film, and television productions and is, as well, a novelist and poet. Currently based in Los Angeles, he was awarded the San Geordio Prize at the Venice Film Festival for **Jordi** which he both wrote and directed. Yablonsky is also a member of the Writer/Director Unit of the Actor's Studio in NYC and LA as well as the New Dramatists Committee, NYC He will be with us for approximately six to eight weeks in October/November 2001.

### **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.

The Vice-Chair position will remain vacant until filled by the Management Committee at its next meeting.

## 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

Please join us at our space located at 10-16 Pump Street, second floor every Wednesday from Noon until 4pm.

### **Visitors:**

**Dennis Bohr** has been visiting from Boon, N. Carolina, USA. and has been a most welcome participant in our Wednesday Workshops for the past several months. We did script-in-hand readings of several of his plays. He also performed his one-person play, '**The English Whore**', at Derry Playhouse and at a community theatre in Manorhamilton.

## 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.