

Derry Playhouse Writers

Keep on Writing!

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Yabo Yablonsky Residency:

The Management Committee is pleased to announce that **Derry Playhouse Writers** has been awarded a grant from **Awards for All** to bring **Yabo Yablonsky** to the **Derry Playhouse** from Hollywood, USA for two months to teach a Master Class in Script Writing and direct his play, **Jews Without Money** featuring local talent.

Jews Without Money is set in post-WWII New York City, specifically Amboy Street, in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. More of a compost heap than a melting pot, it was a neighbourhood populated largely by poor Jewish immigrants, street toughs and gangsters. The audience's guide, Heshey Janofsky, revisits the ghosts of his past—drunks, junkies, whores, refugees from the Holocaust and Russian Revolution, crooked cops, disillusioned teachers, and most importantly, members of his gang 'The Cavaliers'

Yablonsky is an award winning film and stage director and author of numerous film, stage and television scripts. He has also published two novels. The film script for which Yablonsky is best known is **Escape to Victory** directed by **John Houston** starring **Sylvester Stallone**, **Michael Caine** and **Max von Sadow** and includes numerous soccer greats including Pelé and Bobby Moore. Yablonsky is Writer/Director of the film **Jordi** that was awarded the **San Geordio Prize** at the **Venice Film Festival**.

The **Script Writing Master Class** held its first session on 9 October with 26 people attending and **Jews Without Money** is in rehearsal and will open at the Derry Playhouse on Thursday, November 22, 2001 at 8:00pm.



Mark Your Calendar:

Can't Write? Will Write! A night of poems, prose and plays featuring A Bunch of Chancers and Maiden City Writers with Joe McCarthy as MC. **Badger's Bar, Orchard Street. Monday, 5 November @ 8:00pm.**

Saturday, 10 November @ 8:00pm at the **Derry Playhouse**. A Script-in-Hand Reading by **Carmel McCafferty** of **Marie—A Woman of Derry** a play by **Brian Foster**.

Jews Without Money by Yabo Yablonsky will be held **22, 23 and 24 November, Derry Playhouse @ 8:00pm.**

Foyle Film Festival Screenings Featuring DPW Members & Friends.

Friday, 9 November: Sneak Preview of **Derry Film Initiative's** debut adaptation of Shakespeare's **Hamlet. Nerve Centre Studio @ 4:00pm.**

Tuesday, 13 November: Without Lying Down a documentary of the life and career of **Francis Marion**, the most renowned female screenwriter of the 20th Century who was the first two time Academy Award Winner. **Nerve Centre Studio @ 9:00pm.**

Saturday, 17 November: Best Irish Short Competition featuring **Limbo** Directed by DPW member **Anne Crilly. Strand Multiplex Screen Seven @ 1:00pm.**

Contests & Competitions:

International Poetry Competition. Cash prizes range from €80 to €660. Poems may be either in English or Irish. Entry forms & guidelines available from your local library or www.dlrcoco.ie/library. Closing date: 6 October 2001.

DPW Weekly 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 4:00pm.

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 these be in writing and sent to: DPW, Derry Playhouse, 5-7 Artillery Street, Derry BT48 6RG.



Submissions Welcomed:

The Residents Writers Review seeks poetry, short stories, extracts from a novel you're working on and/or article of interest to writers and writers groups. For further info contact Tina Brady via e-mail on tina.brady@ntlworld.com.

This publication is a new quarterly magazine which contains reviews, competitions, information, etc., and has been funded by ABC Millennium Awards Scheme.

DPW Website:

For previous newsletters, events, contests, Master Classes, projects, etc., consult our website www.derryplayhousewriters.org.

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!



Remember:

If you order books on-line, please do so from the Amazon.co.uk listed on our website. DPW receives a percentage 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.

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 accept donations at all our meetings for the exclusive purpose to help pay the rent. **This is not mandatory but all contributions are use for this purpose—rent!**

Second Annual General Membership Meeting:

Our second AGM was held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001. The current Management Committee was re-elected for another term and we elected two additional people to serve: Ann Crilly and Rosemary Quinn.

Management Committee:

Officers:

Chair:

Ellen Factor

Vice-Chair:

Madeline McCully

Secretary/Treasurer:

Margie Bernard

General Members:

Ann Keys Colton

Bridie Conefry

Joe Duggan

Eugene Floyd

Don McCamphill

Rosemary Quinn

Ann Crilly

Mentors: David Gothard and Brian Foster.



Workshops:

Friday, 2 November, 10:00am until 1:00pm:
Comedy Workshop with **Nicole McKeever**
at the **Verbal Arts Centre**.

Websites of Interest:

For those who want their poetry online check out www.juliesmithauthor.com where every month authors are invited to put a poem or two or more online and the best one is chosen. There is also short story

link. Check it out for interest, usually over 200 poems appear each month.

www.irishpoetsworldwide.com this is a nice looking site and hosts poetry. You can request feedback on your poem.

A general site is www.writersdigest.com, Writer's Digest is the biggest writers' magazine in the world, filled with hints and inspiration for each day of the month and holds a huge competition which includes all genres each year.

If you know of other Websites of interest to writers, please let us know of them.