

# Derry Playhouse Writers

Keep on Writing!

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## Congratulations to:

**Louis Burns**, Executive Producer of *Derry Musicians and Artists for Foyle Hospice* for completion of a CD dedicated to the memory of former DPW member Steven Connolly. The CD will be launched at Sandino's Pub, Derry on Thursday, 4 October 2001 @ 2@30pm. **Congratulation also** to two other DPW members: **Madeline McCully**, for the cover design, and **Aisling Doherty**, one of its vocalists. The CD will be available at Cool Disks on Strand Road with proceeds donated to Foyle Hospice.

## Final Reminder:

**Yabo Yablonsky Script Writing Master Class (play and film) begins Tuesday, 9 October 2001 @ 2:00pm.** There are a few openings still available. To enroll, contact Margie Bernard at 353 77 60001. There is no fee for this workshop.

Yablonsky will also direct his play *Jews Without Money* featuring local talent. There are 18 roles in this play, six of them for young people under the age of 20. A casting call is enclosed. Auditions will be held 8, 9, 10 & 11 October at the Derry Playhouse beginning at 4:00pm.

We have notified drama classes at local secondary schools and youth drama groups as well as adult drama groups. If you know of any such groups we should contact, please let us know.

## Perseverance Pays Award:

Our first annual Perseverance Pays Award will be given to the writer who has received the most rejection slips this past year! This

will be awarded at our Annual General Membership Meeting 17 October 2001.

## Second Annual General Membership Meeting:

Our second AGM will be held on **Wednesday, 17 October 2001 beginning at 2:00pm** in our office/meeting room on the second floor of 10-16 Pump Street.

As required by our Constitution, we will consider the Annual Report of work done by or under the auspices of the Management Committee; a report of our financial status; election of officers and members to serve on the Management Committee; and the transaction of other such matters as may be considered necessary.

We will be sending you additional information prior to our meeting. If you cannot attend but wish to have some matter considered by the AGM, please submit it in writing no later than 10 October 2001.

## 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

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



## Contests & Competitions:

**The Trewithen Poetry Prize.** Cash Awards for winners of poetry with a rural theme. Entry form obtained from: The Trewithen Poetry Prize; Chy-An-Dour; Trewithen Moor; Sithiams, Truro, Cornwall TR3 7DU (enclose an SAE with request) or a form may be downloaded from [www.trewithenpoetry.co.uk](http://www.trewithenpoetry.co.uk). Closing Date: 31 October 2001

**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](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/library). Closing date: 6 October 2001.

If you know of any other contests we should consider entering, please submit them to DPW.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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 or at [margiebdc@eircom.net](mailto:margiebdc@eircom.net). Please keep this entry under four to five lines!

## Recommended Reading:

*Solutions for Novelists: Secrets of a Master Editor* by Sol Stein. Souvenir Press.

## 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.

**Workshops:** Friday, 2 November, 2001, 10:00am until 1:00pm: **Comedy Workshop with Nicole McKeever** at the Verbal Arts Centre.

Six-Week Workshop on **Basic Screenplay Writing** with Matt Jennings. These sessions begin on Thursday, 25 September 2001 @ 7:00p. Verbal Arts Center. Fee £30.

