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Linen Hall Library
WHAT'S ON
JAN-MAR
2019

EXHIBITION

Torn From Home: Remembering the Holocaust

10 January – 28 February • Free

Torn from Home encourages audiences to reflect on how enforced loss of a safe place to call 'home' may be part of the trauma faced by anyone experiencing persecution. This new exhibition will feature an array of objects including original textile artworks, memorabilia, photos and items from the Conflict Textiles* collection, and will mark the 90th anniversary of Anne Frank's birth.

Holocaust Memorial Day Event

Monday 28 January 11am • Free

Guided tour of the exhibition and discussion

Meet Roberta Bacic, curator of Conflict Textiles*, and learn about the fascinating stories behind the exhibition pieces.

*Conflict Textiles, based at Ulster University, Northern Ireland, is home to a large collection of international textiles, exhibitions and associated events, all of which focus on elements of conflict and human rights abuses.



EXHIBITION

Andrew Gibson: An Ardent Son

10 – 31 January • Free

Marking the 260th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, we take a closer look at Andrew Gibson, former Governor of the Linen Hall Library, and his extensive collection of Burns and Burnsiana. Discover how the collection came to be in Belfast and what treasures it contains.



LECTURE

Ulster-Scots Unwrapped: Hidden Treasures at the Linen Hall Library

With Mary Delargy

Monday 21 January at 1pm • Free



Most of us are aware of the outstanding collection of Burns and Burnsiana held in the library, but how much do you know about the material in the Ulster Scots collection? With books dating from the mid-eighteenth century to the present day, the collection provides a fascinating insight into the lives of the Ulster-Scots community.

LECTURE

Andrew Gibson Memorial Lecture 2019 Andrew Gibson – a Bibliophile in Belfast

With Samantha McCombe

Wednesday 23 January at 1pm • Free



Join Linen Hall Librarian Samantha McCombe as she discusses the Library's Gibson Collection of Burns and Burnsiana, the largest collection of material relating to Robert Burns outside of Scotland.

Amassed by Andrew Gibson, former Governor of the Linen Hall Library, Samantha will explore the collection, its care and conservation, and how the enduring appeal of Robert Burns gives this collection local, national and international significance.



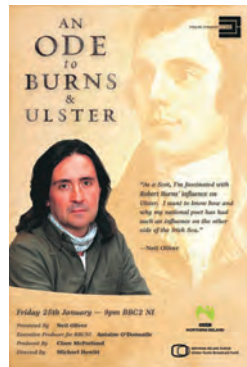
SCREENING

An Ode to Burns and Ulster

Friday 25 January at 1pm • Free

DOUBLEBAND FILMS

Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, is celebrated worldwide, not least in Ulster where his influence was felt during his own brief lifetime. What is the connection between Burns and Ulster poets? To find out, Neil Oliver embarked on a literary journey to meet some of Ulster's most celebrated poets, including Seamus Heaney and Tom Paulin. Presented by Doubleband Films.



LECTURE

Patricia Curran A Murder Mystery

With Stephen Cameron

Wednesday 6 February at 1pm • Free

Historian and author Stephen Cameron examines the brutal murder of 19-year-old student Patricia Curran in Whiteabbey in 1952, and the controversy that surrounds the case to this day.



LECTURE

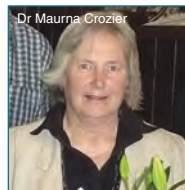
Dr Maurna Crozier Memorial Lecture Religion, Nationalism and Political Violence

With Professor Richard English

Tuesday 12 February at 6pm • Free

Much popular assumption presents religion and nationalism as the twin causes behind contemporary political violence. Is it true that religious belief and practice, and nationalist commitment and solidarity, also offer some of the best ways of limiting and constraining our tendency towards political violence and conflict?

Richard English is Distinguished Professorial Fellow in the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security, and Justice at Queen's University Belfast. Dr Crozier, a former President of the Linen Hall Library, was Director of the Cultural Diversity Programme at the Community Relations Council and was a policy adviser with a lifelong commitment to improving cultural as well as community life in Northern Ireland.



PERFORMANCE

Don't tell my Ma, Tell me!

Thursday 14 February at 1pm • Free

Join us for a session of story-telling where we will share stories, songs and yarns about the Belfast Linen Mills and the colourful characters who worked in them. Rosie Moore will be assuming the role of mill worker Ethel McGladdery who will visit us from the last century. She has many a yarn to spin for you and would love to hear any stories you may have about yourself or family members who worked in and around the linen mills. You can join in or just listen. Rosie is a textile artist who gives historical textile tours in Conway Mill.

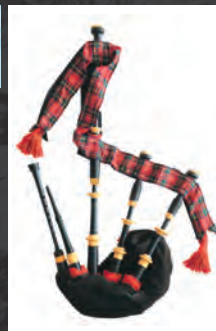


Highland Bagpipers of the First World War

With Ian Burrows

Friday 15 February at 7pm • Free

Ian Burrows presents a lecture and recital on the Highland Bagpipers of the First World War. Two-and-a-half thousand pipers served in the Great War; men from Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. They were there to entertain the troops, lead them in the long marches that they had to endure, lift their spirits, rouse the men into battle, and lament the fallen. Over 500 pipers were killed and 600 were wounded. Two pipers were awarded the Victoria Cross for their bravery and many other medals were presented to these courageous men. Part of the Gradam Ceoil fringe festival.



SCREENING

Hammond: Duais an Dorais (Hammond: A Parting Gift)

Thursday 21 February at 1pm • Free

In the words of Seamus Heaney, "*He was a great Ulsterman and a great Irishman, a man of rare energy, one of the transformers in Irish life. He was a courageous romantic, a heroic democrat, free of sectarianism and free of ideology*". This landmark documentary examines the life and legacy of David Hammond - broadcaster, folk-singer and artist. The programme captures the lyricism of Hammond's work and uses archive recordings, musical performances and interviews. Presented by Doubleband Films.

DOUBLEBAND FILMS



March

EVENT

Five Foot Shelf Live!

With Ian Sansom and the Bookshop Band

Thursday 7 March at 6pm • £5

According to Harvard University president, Charles W. Eliot, everything required for a complete "liberal education" could fit on a shelf of books just five feet in length. What would you include in a modern five foot shelf? What would your favourite books teach the world? Ian Sansom has set a course to find out. Ian will be joined for this evening by the Bookshop Band, an artistic love affair between a group of award-winning songwriters and an independent bookshop. Their songs are the musical outpouring of the band's own response to books they have read. Presented in association with the Seamus Heaney Centre at Queens marking World Book Day 2019.



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BOOK
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7 MARCH 2019



EVENT

Of Mouth Dissent/Assent:

A reading and panel
discussion in honour of
International Women's Day

With Siobhán Campbell,
Nadine Aisha Jassat and
Therese Kieran

Friday 15 March at 1pm • £3

Siobhán Campbell's fourth collection of poetry *Heat Signature* was published in 2017. She was awarded the Oxford Brookes International Poetry Prize in 2016. Nadine Aisha Jassat is an award-winning writer and poet. Therese Kieran lives in Belfast and is an Irish Writer's Centre XBorders participant.



Nadine Aisha Jassat



Siobhán Campbell



Therese Kieran

EVENT

A Celebration of World Storytelling Day in association with Storytellers of Ireland / Aos Scéal Éireann

Wednesday 20 March at 1pm • £3



World Storytelling Day is a global celebration of the art of oral storytelling. As many people as possible tell and listen to stories in as many languages and at as many places as possible. Join renowned local storyteller Liz Weir and friends to celebrate with us. Storytellers will be Frances Quinn and Eamonn Keenan.



Liz Weir



Frances Quinn



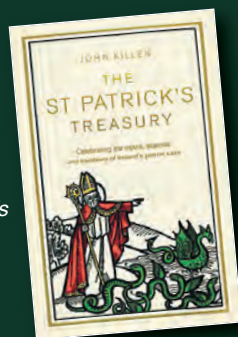
Eamonn Keenan

LECTURE

The Relics of St Patrick With John Killen

Wednesday 27 March at 1pm • Free

Saint Patrick's life and legacy is rooted in Irish history and society. In *The St. Patrick's Treasury*, former Linen Hall Librarian John Killen brings together the legends, folklore, traditions and stories that have been associated with St Patrick across the centuries. Books will be available to purchase on the day.



SCREENING

Play it Again, Sam

Friday 29 March at 1pm • Free

This documentary presents an intimate profile of Belfast writer Sam McCaughey, a man who experienced the highs of critical acclaim and the lows of chronic alcoholism. From Tiger's Bay to the Irish Senate, with a detour on-board The Peace Train, *Play It Again, Sam* is the story of one of Northern Ireland's most important literary icons. Presented by Doubleband Films.



READING GROUPS

Our popular reading groups are open to the public and free to attend.

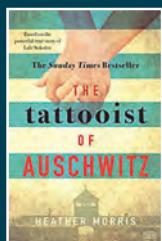
Linen Hall Library Reading Group

Meets on the last Thursday of the month at 1.10pm.

The Tattooist of Auschwitz

by Heather Morris

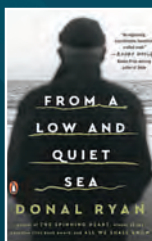
Thursday 31 January



From A Low and Quiet Sea

by Donal Ryan

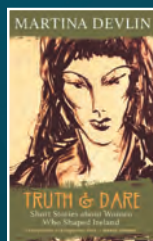
Thursday 28 February



Truth and Dare: Stories about Women Who Shaped Ireland

by Martina Devlin

Thursday 28 March



Club Leabhar – Irish Book Club

Speak Irish? Or want to brush up on your skills? Take part in our free Irish book club. Meets on the second Thursday of the month at 1.00pm.

Thursday 10 Eanáir/January

Cuairt na Cruinne in Ochtó Lá le Jules Verne

Thursday 14 Feabhra/February

An Bhfuil Stacey ag Iompar? le Tomás Mac Síomóin

Thursday 14 Márta/March

Mise Raiftearaí le Tadhg Mac Dhonnagain

AT A GLANCE

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