



Baronial Hall

SINGERS, LECTURERS AND POETS

**VOCALESE** have a unique and beautiful sound with a seamless blend of vocal harmonies. Formed in 2012 for International Women's Day, this Portlaoise-based trio have been performing locally and nationally to great acclaim. Vocalese are Vivienne Graham, Georgina Ireland and Nuala Kelly.



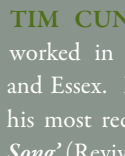
**KIRSTIE BLAIR** holds a Chair in English at the University of Strathclyde, having previously worked at Stirling, Glasgow and Oxford. She has published extensively on Victorian literature and culture, particularly in the fields of poetics, literature and religion, and working-class literature. She is the author of two monographs, *Victorian Poetry and Culture of the Heart and Form and Faith in Victorian Poetry and Religion*.



**DR HANNAH LOACH** completed her doctoral thesis in 2009 at the University of York, exploring the visual world of Gerard Manley Hopkins. She is delighted to be invited back by the Hopkins Society following her 2005 paper on the 'Golden beauty of Hopkins's work'.



**BARRY WALSH** is a founding member and Secretary of Monasterevin Historical Society. Since 2004 he has researched and promoted the history of the town and parish from its foundation as an early Christian monastic site to its industrial heritage up to the 20th century.



**TIM CUNNINGHAM** is Limerick-born and has worked in education in Dublin, Delaware, London and Essex. He has had 6 poetry collections published, his most recent being *'The Lyrics to the Nightingale's Song'* (Revival Press, 2016). Tim was awarded a Patrick Kavanagh Fellowship in 2012.

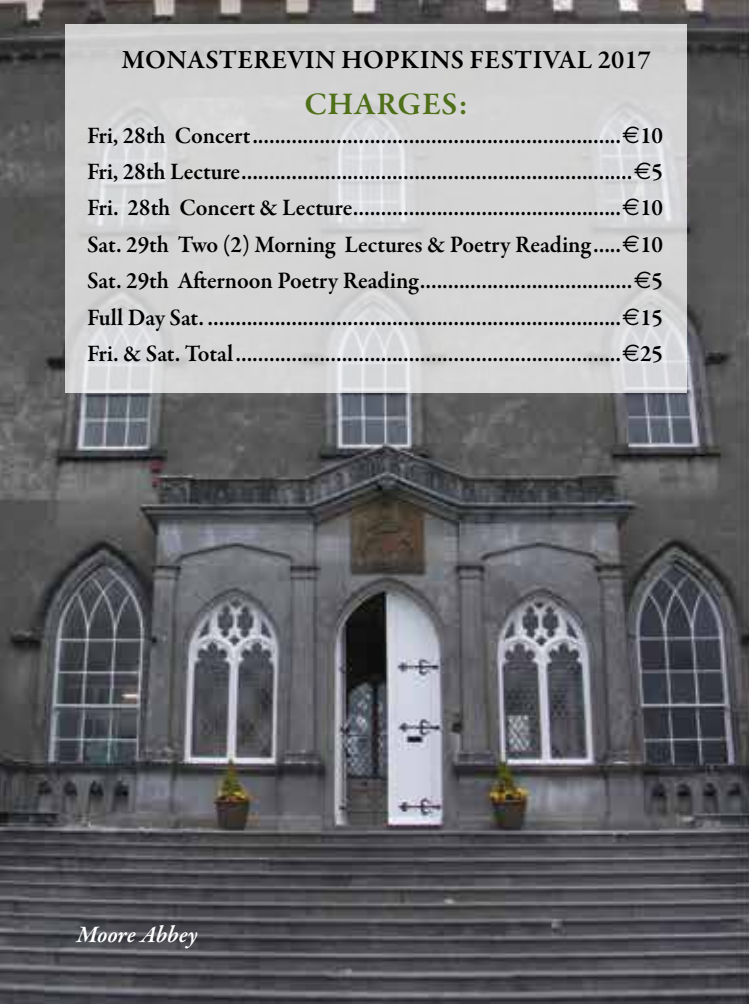


**MARY O'DONNELL** is a poet and fiction writer. Her first three poetry collections were published by Salmon Poetry. A member of Aosdana, she currently teaches Poetry on Galway University's MA in Writing programme. She has written four novels and two collections of short fiction, including the very popular

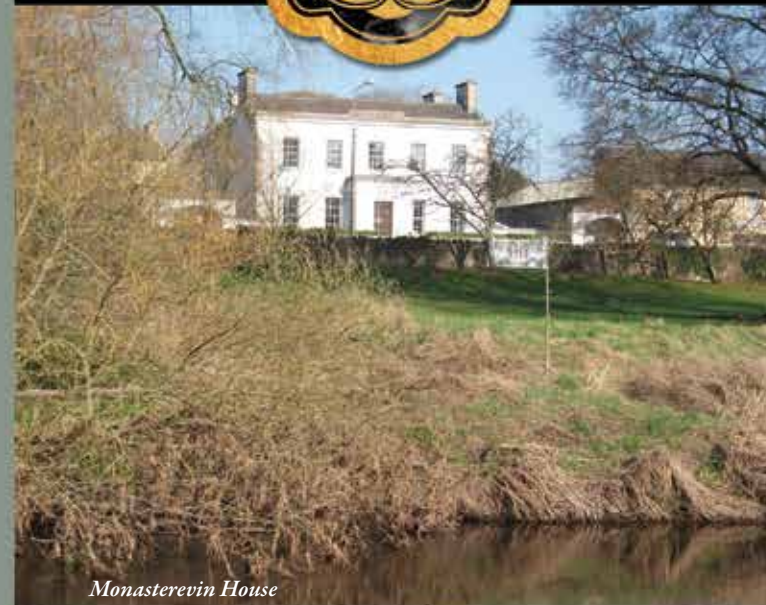
*Where They Lie* (New Island 2015) [www.maryodonnell.com](http://www.maryodonnell.com)



MONASTEREVIN HOPKINS SOCIETY



Moore Abbey



Monasterevin House

ANNUAL FESTIVAL  
Friday 28th & Saturday 29th July, 2017

# Welcome.

Welcome to our 2017 Programme which promises to be invigorating and enjoyable. We commence on Friday with the opening address by Prof. Kirstie Blair, University of Strathclyde, who will speak on 'Hopkins, Work and Wilderness', followed by our Concert with the unique and beautiful harmonies of **Vocalese**, the trio from Portlaoise. On Saturday we commence with Dr. Hannah Loach, York University, who will speak on 'Hopkins's Beautifully Dangerous World'; To What Serves Mortal

Beauty'. Barry Walsh will speak on, 'Monasterevin in Hopkins's Time'. Tim Cunningham, London and Limerick and Mary O'Donnell of Monaghan and Kildare; will both read their poetry. And we will conclude as usual with 'My Favourite Hopkins Poem', in Monasterevin House where Hopkins was made so welcome. Enjoy!



# MONASTEREVIN HOPKINS SOCIETY SUMMER 2017

FRI/SAT JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>  
[http:// monasterevinhopkinssociety.org](http://monasterevinhopkinssociety.org)

## FRIDAY JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Venue: Moore Abbey, Monasterevin

7.30 pm: Prof. Kirstie Blair,  
'Hopkins: Work & Wilderness'

8.30 pm: Concert:  
*Vocalese*

Concert Admission : €10.00

## SATURDAY JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>

Venue: Moore Abbey Monasterevin

10.00 am: Dr Hannah Loach:  
'To What Serves Mortal Beauty?';  
Hopkins's Beautifully Dangerous World.

11.30 am: Barry Walsh:  
'Monasterevin in Hopkins's Time'

12.30 pm: Poetry Reading: Tim Cunningham

Lunch 1.00 - 2.30 pm.

## AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Venue: Monasterevin House, Main St, Monasterevin

2.30 pm: Poetry Reading: Mary O'Donnell

3.00 pm: My Favourite Hopkins Poem.

3.30 pm: Close of Festival

## ARTISTS FOR PEACE

In association with Monasterevin Hopkins Society

*Presents an Art Exhibition*

*To be held in*

*Mercy Convent, Drogheda St, Monasterevin*

Including works by:

**Daniel Lipstein**  
**Jean Ryan Hakizmana**

And local artists

Official Opening: Friday, July 28th @ 4.00 pm

### Monasterevin Hopkins Society Committee:

President: Rev. D. O'Sullivan, P.E.  
Chairman: Richard O'Rourke  
Vice-Chairman: Irene Kyffin  
Secretary: Dan Carmody  
Treasurer: Ambrose Sharpe  
Honorary Vice-President: Norman White  
P.R.O.: Anni Wilton Jones  
Members: Wayne Harrington, Dr Michael O'Dwyer,  
Paschal O'Brien, Thomasina Connell & Sr Ann Scully.

### Call for Papers

The Monasterevin Hopkins Society is always interested in promoting scholarship on Hopkins, Literature and all things Hopkinsian. We invite people interested in presenting a paper at our festival to contact us.

Website: <http://monasterevinhopkinssociety.org>

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