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# Writers' Week

## Listowel

### PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

27th to 31st May, 2026

#### WEDNESDAY 27th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
2.00pm	Sunday Miscellany Live from Listowel Writers' Week	St. John's Theatre	€20
8.00pm	Official Opening of Listowel Writers' Week	Listowel Arms Hotel	Free

#### THURSDAY 28th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
10.00am	Historical Walk with Jimmy Deenihan	Departs: Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
10.00am	Miriam O'Callaghan meets Eadein O'Connell	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
10.00am	Enjoy a morning of stories, songs & laughter with Frances Kennedy	Lizzy's Little Kitchen	Free
11.00am	Exhibition Opening - Michael Flaherty Coast	St. John's Theatre	Free
11.00am	Exploring History & Politics with Dr Owen O'Shea	Kerry Writers' Museum	€15
11.30am	Winners' Readings	Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
12noon	Book Launch - Dermot L Martyn	Kerry Writers' Museum	Free
12.30pm	Windows of Wonder Museum Tour	Kerry Writers' Museum	€10
1.00pm	John B. Keane Lecture with Christian O'Reilly	St. John's Theatre	€15
2.00pm	Colm Tóibín in conversation with Cathy Galvin	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
3.00pm	Rud in Easnamh le Dic Walsh	St. John's Theatre	Free
3.30pm	Poetry Pharmacy with Enda Wyley	The Kilmorna Collection	€10
4.30pm	An Afternoon with Nicola Sturgeon in conversation with Andrew O'Hagan	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
6.00pm	Poetry Trio: Zafar Kunial, Cathy Galvin and Victoria Kennefick	St. John's Theatre	€15
6.00pm	Joe Philpott talks to Billy Keane	John B. Keane's Bar	Free
6.30pm	Andrew O'Hagan & Brian Dillon	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
7.30pm	A Troubadour's Dramatic Tour through the streets of Listowel led by Paddy McElligott	Departs: Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
8.00pm	An Evening with Merlin Holland & Colm Tóibín	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
8.00pm	Evening Theatre - Am I Irish Yet with Kate Kerrigan	St. John's Theatre	€20
8.00pm	The Rambling House	Kerry Writers' Museum	Free
9.00pm	Mike Joyce of the Smiths talks The Drums with Paul McAloon	Mike The Pies	€30
9.30pm	Words & Music with Colum McCann & Colm Mac Con Iomaire	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
9.30pm	Poet's Corner	Christy's Bar	Free



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#### FRIDAY 29th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
10.00am	Morning Walk with Vincent Carmody	Departs: Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
10.00am	Enjoy a morning of stories, songs & laughter with Frances Kennedy	Lizzy's Little Kitchen	Free
11.00am	Catriona Crowe & Diarmaid Ferriter - Live Podcast	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
11.00am	Ciorcal Cómhra with Áine Ni Ghlinn	St. John's Theatre	Free
11.00am	Art Exhibition: Henry Morgan - What The Light Holds	Kerry Writers' Museum	Free
12noon	Book Launch - Barbara Byar	Listowel Library	Free
12noon	Tom Hubbard - The Seamus Heaney Lecture	The Plaza Centre	€15
12.30pm	Windows of Wonder Museum Tour	Kerry Writers' Museum	€10
1.00pm	Lunchtime Theatre - The Man in the Woman's Shoes	St. John's Theatre	€20
1.00pm	Debut Duo, Neil Tully & Dara Waldron with Niall MacMonagle	Listowel Arms Hotel	€10
1.30pm	Poetry on the Bawn with John McGrath	Outside Kerry Writers' Museum	Free
2.30pm	John O'Donnell with Niall MacMonagle	The Plaza Centre	€15
3.00pm	Presenting Mr Hoo & Other Stories	The Plaza Centre	€15
3.00pm	Edel Coffey & Charleen Hurtbuisse with Katriona O'Sullivan	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
3.30pm	Poetry Pharmacy with Enda Wyley	The Kilmorna Collection	€10
4.00pm	Thuas í Lios Tuathail: 400 years of Irish Language Literature le Seamus Barra O'Suilleabháin	St. John's Theatre	€10
4.30pm	Pen Event with Éilis Ni Dhuibhne & Catherine Dunne	Listowel Arms Hotel	€10
5.00pm	Art Exhibition - Where Land Meets Sea by Olive Stack	Olive Stack Gallery	Free
5.30pm	Poetry with Győző Ferencz & Karen J McDonnell	St. John's Theatre	€15
6.00pm	John Connell - The Wisdom of Farmers	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
6.00pm	Salmon Poetry Celebration	Kerry Writers' Museum	€15
8.00pm	Katriona O'Sullivan in conversation with Edel Coffey	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
8.00pm	Evening Theatre - I Hear You and Rejoice	St. John's Theatre	€20
8.00pm	Owen O'Neill - I Could Write A Book About It	Mike The Pies Bar	€10
9.30pm	Poet's Corner	Christy's Bar	Free

#### SATURDAY 30th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
10.00am	Morning Walk with John Keane	Departs: Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
11.00am	Arlen House Celebration with Liz Mc Manus & Nessa O'Mahony	Kerry Writers' Museum	€15
12noon	The Frank Hayes Memorial Event: The Looming Storm with Fergal Keane, Sally Hayden, Mick Lynch & Dr. Bozena Cierlik	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
12.30pm	Windows of Wonder Museum Tour	Kerry Writers' Museum	€10
12.30pm	Erin Fornoff - We Are An Archipelago	Kerry Writers' Museum	€10
1.00pm	Lunchtime Theatre - The Curious Case of Kitsey Rainey	St. John's Theatre	€20
2.00pm	Cúirt Filíochta	An Leabharlann	Free

#### SATURDAY 30th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
2.30pm	Mary Costello in conversation with Niall MacMonagle	St. John's Theatre	€20
3.30pm	This is Also a Love Story - Sally Hayden	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
5.00pm	Ladies of Crime with Liz Nugent & Claire Coughlan	The Plaza Centre	€20
5.30pm	Book Launch - Mary Kennelly & Tony Guerin	Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
5.30pm	Keith Ridgway and Neil Jordan talk to Niall MacMonagle	St. John's Theatre	€15
6.00pm	Siobhán de Paor Bilingual Spoken Word Performance	The Kilmorna Collection	€10
6.30pm	Award-Winning Voices: Christine Dwyer Hickey & Andrew Miller in conversation with Enda Wyley	The Plaza Centre	€20
8.00pm	Evening Theatre - Paddy Armstrong	St. John's Theatre	€20
8.30pm	David McWilliams - The History of Money	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20

#### SUNDAY 31st MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
9.30am	Creative Writing & Kerry's Wildlife Corridors	Listowel Community Ctr.	Free
10.00am	River of Words Literary Bus Tour	Departs: Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
11.00am	Finding Joy - Dearbhla Mescal with Eadein O'Connell	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
11.30am	Listowel Writers Week Mass	St. Mary's Church	Free
12noon	The Healing Session and the Laying of the Hands	John B. Keane's Bar	Free
1.00pm	Diasuke Yosumi - Let Go	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
1.00pm	Lunchtime Theatre - Grace	St. John's Theatre	€15
2.00pm	Anya Bergman - The Tarot Reader of Versailles	Kerry Writers' Museum	€15
3.00pm	Sarah Breen & Emer McLysaght - The Aislings are Back in Listowel	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
3.30pm	Mary Ann Kenny - The Episode	St. John's Theatre	€15
4.00pm	The Maureen Beasley Poetry Hour	Kerry Writers' Museum	Free
6.00pm	One of our Own: 'The Bard of Bellanaleck' - A Homage to Mickey MacConnell	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
8.00pm	Evening Theatre: Inishfallen Fare Thee Well	St. John's Theatre	€18



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