

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

09:00 Festival Registration at the Stella Maris Centre		
09:45	Interview and Readings: Award-winning Irish novelist Peter Cunningham chats about his recent novel <i>Freedom Is A Land I Cannot See</i> , and other novels, with Wexford journalist and reviewer, Tom Mooney .	Stella Maris Centre
09:45	Workshop - Writing for Children: Do you dream of becoming a bestselling children's author but don't know where to begin? Award-nominated children's author Caroline Busher (<i>The Ghosts of Magnificent Children</i> , <i>The Girl Who Ate The Stars</i> , <i>Votes for Women</i>) will give you practical advice.	Lifeboat House
11:15 Tea and Coffee served in the Loft at the Stella Maris Centre		
11:45	In Conversation - Away with the Fairies: Join Manchán Magan , Irish writer, traveller and television programme-maker in conversation with playwright and filmmaker Carmel Winters about his "imbas forasnaí" (inspiration that illuminates).	Stella Maris Centre
11:45	Talk - Lost and Found - Irish Explorer Captain Francis Crozier and the Franklin Expedition Disaster: Author Michael Smith (<i>An Unsung Hero</i> , <i>Icebound in the Arctic</i>) will tell us the incredible story of Captain Francis Crozier and the discovery of his two lost ships, after 170 years beneath the Arctic ice. **This event is sponsored by Kehoe Marine, Kilmore Quay**	St. Peter's Church
11:45	Workshop - What Makes a Compelling Character?: In this practical hands-on workshop, Fiona Scarlett , author of Irish Times best-seller <i>Boys Don't Cry</i> explores what makes a compelling character.	Lifeboat House
13:15 Lunch served in the Loft at the Stella Maris Centre		
14:30	Talk and Readings - The Art of Criticism: Author Kevin Power (<i>Bad Day at Blackrock</i> , <i>White City</i>) gives practical tips for reviewing books. He draws on 14 years of experience working as a writer and a literary critic.	Stella Maris Centre
14:30	Interview and Readings: Dr Rosaleen McDonagh - playwright, author, academic, feminist, member of Aosdána and disability activist - is interviewed by Lucy Caldwell , award-winning author of four novels, stage plays, radio dramas and short story collections. **Screening of pre-recorded interview**	Saltees Coast Hotel
14:30	Workshop - The Mythic Imagination: Adam Wyeth (<i>The Hidden World of Poetry: Unravelling Celtic Mythology in Contemporary Irish Poetry</i>) will take you on a journey through the great panoply of Celtic myth, revealing how these ancient narratives and traditions are deeply intertwined into the fabric of our daily lives.	Lifeboat House
16:00	Talk: Daniel Mulhall , Ireland's Ambassador to the United States of America (<i>Ulysses: A Reader's Odyssey</i>) will look at how Joyce interrogates the Ireland of his time through the character of his Everyman, Leopold Bloom. He will explore what's great about <i>Ulysses</i> , how to navigate its difficulties and why it remains relevant to us today. **Screening of a pre-recorded talk, facilitated by Howard Keely, Georgia Southern University**	Stella Maris Centre
16:00	Story Telling: Patricia Devereux , who grew up in a thatched cottage with five brothers and four sisters, tells stories about childhood in a small village in 1950s/60s Ireland.	Surprise Venue!
16:00	Story Telling: Fidelis Power is a native of Kilmore and her stories are about the area and the characters who lived here.	Surprise Venue!
16:00	Story Telling: Kathleen Tierney comes from Bridgetown and will regale us with stories about people connected to famous or infamous individuals such as Constance Lloyd, wife of Oscar Wilde.	Surprise Venue!
17:00	Interview: Roddy Doyle , Booker Prize-winning novelist, writer of short stories and screenplays, dramatist, and co-founder of <i>Fighting Words</i> , talks to Dr Richard Hayes , Head of Strategy, South East Technical University about his writing and his career.	Stella Maris Centre
18:30	Live Theatre Event - Strolling Through Ulysses: Robert Gogan stages his one-man show that tells the fun-filled story of Bloomsday, 16 June 1904, the day on which James Joyce set <i>Ulysses</i> . **Free Community Event**	Stella Maris Centre