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June

Lunchtime talk:

A Chinese Immortality? W.B. Yeats's "Lapis Lazuli"

Wednesday 3 June, 1.05pm

In this lecture, Professor Jerusha McCormack uses her experience of teaching in and about China to decode this poem as it moves from Western versions of immortality to the more elusive Chinese vision.

Public tours of Yeats: *The Life and Work of William Butler Yeats*

Thursday 4, 11, 18, 25 June, 2pm

The Joseph Hassett Yeats Lecture: "Players and Painted Stage": The Drama of Yeats's Life

Thursday 11 June, 7pm

This year's Joseph Hassett Yeats lecture will be given by Professor Roy Foster. Booking required. Reserve a place: <http://yeatslecturenli.eventbrite.com>

History Ireland Hedge School

Friday 12 June, 7pm

Join History Ireland editor, Tommy Graham, for a panel discussion on Yeats 150 with Roy Foster, Catriona Crowe, P.J. Mathews with readings by Theo Dorgan.

Yeats Birthday celebration: Celebrate the birthday!

Saturday 13 June, 2-5pm

2 - 4pm: Music in the front hall with Denise Kelly-McDonnell harp, Ellen Cranitch flute, Jane Hughes cello. Niall MacMonagle will introduce a selection of Yeats's poems read by students from the Poetry Aloud competition. Follow the Yeats trail to find the places in the library that are associated with the poet.

4pm: 'The Poet and the Library: Yeats and the National Library of Ireland' - this short talk by Katherine McSharry of the NLI explores Yeats's links with the National Library.

Visit the Reading Room where Yeats and Joyce read and studied. Exhibition *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats* open all day. Enjoy a slice of Yeats birthday cake in Café Joly.

Bloomsday: A One Woman Show - JOYCED!

Tuesday 16 June, 2pm & 7pm

This one-woman show performed by Katie O'Kelly and written by Donal O'Kelly takes us on a whirlwind journey of Joycean Dublin, catapulting the audience through 1904, the year which Joyce would later make famous in *Ulysses*. Admission: €10, at the door. Booking not required.

For those not able to make it on Bloomsday, there will be a pre-Bloomsday performance on Monday 15 June at 7pm.

The Muse & Mister Yeats - A Play for Voices

Friday 19 June, 1.05pm

Curlwe Theatre Company presents 'The Muse & Mister Yeats', performed by Tegolin Knowland and Seán Coyne, and written and produced by Eamon Grennan. The play sketches a portrait of Yeats-in-love, presenting his muses as the inspiration for some of his best-known poems. Admission: €5, at the door. Booking not required.

Songs from the Swans at Coole

Wednesday 24 June, 7pm

Artistic Director of the City Theatre Dublin, Michael Scott, presents his recently composed new song cycle exploring the poetry of Yeats focusing on the development of the Irish State and his unrequited love for Maude Gonne.

Deirdre Donnelly and Des Cave will read a selection of poetry and singers Kathleen Tynan (Soprano) and Anthony Norton (Tenor) will sing the new musical settings of selected poems in an operatic and classical style with a traditional Irish 'orchestra'. Tickets €20. Book at: https://civictheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows/873533945/events?show_id=873533945

EXHIBITIONS:

Why not explore one of our free exhibitions? Choose from the award winning *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats* or *World War Ireland: Exploring the Irish Experience* on Kildare Street, or the current exhibition in the National Photographic Archive in Temple Bar. See our website www.nli.ie for more details.