

# Windows Weekend

in association with Cavan Arts & Cavan Crystal Hotel

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Cavan Crystal Hotel**



**11.00am -1.00pm**  
**Workshop for younger poets**  
*'Do you want to write better poetry?'*  
**(9 -13yrs)**  
**with Heather Brett €10**

Heather Brett was born in Canada, raised in Northern Ireland and has spent the last 26 years in Cavan. She has been Writer-in-Residence for Cavan & Louth and has edited over forty anthologies. She is editor of Windows Publications with a special interest in younger writers. Her fourth collection of poetry entitled 'Witness' will be launched this weekend on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.



**2.00am - 4.30pm**  
**Poetry Workshops for Adults**  
*'A Fresh Look at Poetry' -*  
*Finding the Language*  
*Finding the Metaphors*  
*Finding the Form*  
**with Noel Monahan €20**

Noel Monahan has seven collections of poetry, his most recent 'Where The Wind Sleeps' New & Selected Poems (Salmon May 2014). Literary awards include The SeaCat National Award by Poetry Ireland, The William Allingham Poetry Award, The Kilkenny Poetry Prize and The PJ O'Connor RTE Radio Drama Award. His work has been translated into Italian, Romanian, French and Russian and his poetry was prescribed text for the Leaving Certificate English. Noel is co-editor of Windows Publications and holds an MA in Creative Writing.

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**Tony Curtis**, multi award winning poet, was born in Dublin and studied literature in the University of Essex and Trinity College. He has recorded cds with music and poetry and is the author of twelve books, his most recent 'Folk' (2010) rich with poetry you want to return to time and again. Tony, who has read across Europe and Australia, has just returned from a reading tour of American universities.



**Cavan County Choir** was established in 2013 under Culture Cavan IFI project, performing classical and contemporary favourites and new work by John Byrne in Cavan and Fermanagh County Museums. In the Choir's repertoire 'Testament' by Sean Doherty, composer and Heather Brett, poet, was commissioned by Cavan County Council in 2014 and was performed at Cavan Burren Park for Summer Solstice 2014.



**Blánaid Murphy**, Musical Director. In 2013 at the invitation of the Sistene Chapel Choir, she directed The Palestina Choir singing at The Papal Mass in St Peter's Basilica, Rome. Director of Cavan County Choir since 2013.

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**Windows Publications**  
**23rd National Student Poetry Awards**

*Celebrating creativity in young people.*



**'Witness' by Heather Brett**  
**Book Launch**

*'Witness is a triumph. Beautifully controlled, chiselled language yields poetry rich with breath-taking and instantly memorable lines.'*

*Philip Casey*

**Windows Publications** 23rd National Poetry Awards will be hosted by Heather Brett and Noel Monahan. Cavan County Choir will also perform at this event under the direction of Blánaid Murphy. Special guests will include Jack Keyes and the very many students who have entered this year's competition including the deserving award winners.

Windows would like to thank all sponsors for their continuous and ongoing support for the competition and this weekend.

Refreshments served.

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**THIS IS CAVAN!**