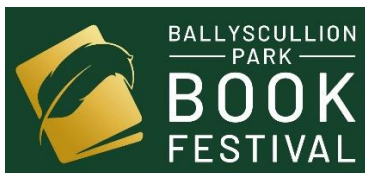




FESTIVAL PROGRAMME SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2024

TIME	THE MARQUEE	THE RINGROSE ROOM	THE STABLES ROOM
10am	FESTIVAL OPENING. Readings from Seamus Heaney and music from Celtic Grace		
11am	STEPHEN PRICE The Earl Bishop – The art and architecture of Frederick Hervey, founder of Ballyscullion Park	ROBERT O'BYRNE The Irish Country House in the 21 st Century. Challenges and Reinvention	SEBASTIAN GRAHAM Manor mills in the Mid Ulster area - their owners, history, and fate
12pm	MARTIN AND JOYCE ENRIGHT 'The Yeats' Country' - an illustrated talk	SOPHIA HILLAN with CASSANDRA WEDD Jane Austen's Nieces in Ireland	ELIZA PAKENHAM "Tourism, Tenants and Taxes." Keeping the roof on Tullynally Castle
2pm	EMMA HEATHERINGTON Creative writing	ANTHONY MALCOLMSON AND ANDREW HUGHES Archives and Annals – Researching Big House Histories	ROWAN SOMERVILLE Israel/Palestine, A Pound of Flesh and the Quality of Mercy - the true story of a suicide bomb and a heart transplant.
3pm	CARLO GEBLER A Year in a Day - a memoir of 28 years in Northern Ireland	VIBSE DUNLEATH AND FINOLA O'KANE Walled Gardens – How we fed ourselves in the 18C	BRUCE CLARK Byron in Athens, and the influence of Greek art and architecture on Irish and other houses.
4.00pm	CELTIC GRACE This unique show focuses the incredible true-life story of the iconic, blind harper, Turlough O'Carolan, a genius composer. Sparkling wine and canapes will be served		.



FESTIVAL PROGRAMME SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024

TIME	THE MARQUEE	THE RINGROSE ROOM	THE STABLES ROOM
10am	CARLO GEBLER 'I, Antigone'. The story of Oedipus from his daughter's perspective, exploring Free Will versus Fate	VIBSE DUNLEATH Monica de Wichfeld; from Fermanagh to the Danish Resistance	ANTHONY MALCOLMSON 'Edifying bishops' – The role of the C of I bishops of the 18th and early 19th centuries in building Big Houses
11am	SOPHIA HILLAN AND EMMA HEATHERINGTON Location and emotion in fiction writing	NEIL PORTEOUS 'Gardening on the Edge - the climate and Irish gardens'.	ANDREW GAILEY In the Blood – The Scandalous Sheridan Girls
12pm	ROWAN SOMERVILLE and STEPHEN PRICE in conversation about Rowan's forthcoming novel	PADDY CREEDON Poetry Treasure hunt	FINOLA O'KANE Landscape design and revolution in Ireland and the United States 1688-1815
2pm	ROBERT O'BYRNE AND ELIZA PAKENHAM 'Managing an Irish Country House Today'	ANDREW HUGHES From History to Fiction - How the stories unearthed while researching house histories inspired my career as a novelist.	SUZIE SCOTT The Art of Flowers in the Georgian Period
3pm	BRUCE CLARK AND SEBASTIAN GRAHAM Linen tbc	TERENCE REEVES-SMYTH Big House Pastimes: Three hundred years of sport in gardens and demesnes	IAN MCKINLEY Second Sight - Rugby and Redemption. Ian's story is a tale that celebrates the power of the human spirit to overcome the greatest of setbacks.
4.00pm	YEATS AND THE CENTENARY OF HIS NOBEL PRIZE - Performance and poetry with music by Celtic Grace		