

# solas nua

a new light on irish arts

solas nua is the only organization in america dedicated exclusively to contemporary irish arts

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Irish arts organization Solas Nua presents the 1st DC Irish Writers Festival  
March 11th-15th, 2010  
Ireland's top literary talent descends upon DC for one week.

## WHAT? The DC Irish Writers Festival

As a part of our commitment to Irish literature and contemporary Irish artists, Solas Nua has devoted the week leading up to our annual St. Patrick's celebration, Irish Book Day, to the authors that excite and inspire our audiences. The inaugural DC Irish Writers Festival, the only festival of its kind in the U.S., will bring together seven of Ireland's leading contemporary writers from March 11th-15th for a series of free public events where you can hear the authors talk about and read from their work, ask them about their creative process and hear their opinion about their fellow writers. Also included in the line up is a special screening of *The Yellow Bittern: The Life and Times of Liam Clancy*, a recently made film about the the late legendary singer and poet, Liam Clancy.

## WHEN? March 11th - 15th, 2010

March 11th - 8pm @ the Goethe Institut - Nick Laird and Glenn Patterson in conversation with Chris Agee  
March 12th - 7pm @ the Arts Club of Washington - Christine Dwyer Hickey  
March 13th - 4pm @ Busboys and Poets - Claire Kilroy  
March 13th - 8pm @ the Goethe Institut - Screening of *The Yellow Bittern*  
March 14th - 4pm @ Busboys and Poets - Chris Agee  
March 14th - 5.30pm @ Busboys and Poets - Philip Ó Ceallaigh  
March 15th - 6.30pm @ Busboys and Poets - Gerard Donovan

## WHERE? Goethe Institut | Arts Club of Washington | Busboys and Poets

Goethe Institut | 812 7th Street NW Washington, DC 20001  
The Arts Club of Washington | 2017 I Street NW Washington, DC 20006  
Busboys and Poets | 1025 5th Street NW Washington DC 20009

## WHO? Solas Nua | The Writers

**Solas Nua** is the only non-profit organization in the United States dedicated exclusively to contemporary irish arts. Solas Nua produces the Capital Irish Film Festival, a critically acclaimed theatre season, Irish Book Day, the DC Irish Writers Festival, visual arts exhibitions, the Éist monthly music podcasts, a free monthly play reading series, a free monthly film screening series, a book club and dozens of special events annually. Founded in 2005 by Dublin native Linda Murray (Artistic Director) and DC native Dan Brick (Producing Director), Solas Nua is a resident organization at Flashpoint.

The authors include Rooney Prize recipients, **Philip Ó Ceallaigh** (*Notes from a Turkish Whorehouse*), **Claire Kilroy** (*All Summer*), **Glenn Patterson** (*Burning Your Own*), **Nick Laird** (*Utterly Monkey*), **Gerard Donovan** (*Schopenhauer's Telescope*, long-listed for the Man Booker prize), the Honorary Secretary of Irish Pen **Christine Dwyer Hickey** (*Tatty*, long-listed for the Orange Prize) and the poet and editor of the Irish Pages, **Chris Agee** (*The New North: Contemporary Poetry from Northern Ireland*). The Festival will also feature the film 'The Yellow Bittern' showcasing the life and poetry of Liam Clancy, of the iconic Irish band The Clancy Brothers.

Solasnua.org will be updated with any additions to the Festival lineup, so please check back for updates.

## HOW? All Events are FREE. No Reservations. Additional info at solasnua.org