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Irish Literary Society

Cumman Éireannach na liteardhachta

founded 1892

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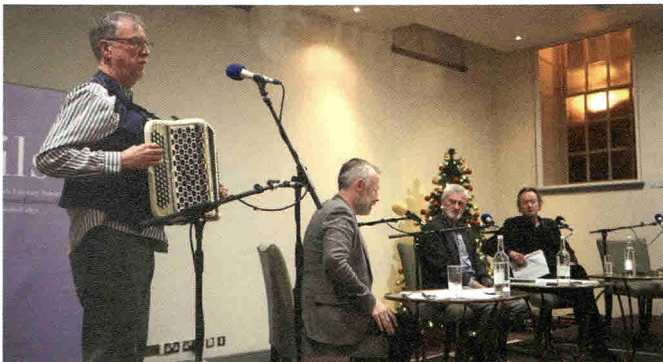
The Irish Literary Society was established in London in 1892, succeeding the Southwark Irish Literary Club. Among its founders were W. B. Yeats, T. W. Rolleston, Francis Fahy, John Todhunter and other leaders of the Irish Literary Revival. The Society was formally founded with Sir Charles Gavan Duffy as President, at the Caledonian Hotel, The Strand, 12 May 1892.



ILS / London Metropolitan University event 'Ireland 1916: Death of a Literary Revival?' Left to right: P.J. Mathews, Declan Kiberd, Tony Murray; Marina Carr, Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill, Jennifer Johnston.

today:

We continue to promote the appreciation of Irish culture and to provide a forum for intellectual and social activities in connection with these interests.



ILS / RTÉ Radio broadcast event 'On the London-Irish Poetic Tradition'. Left to right: Cathal Dallat, Rick O'Shea, Bernard O'Donoghue, Roy Foster.

events:

The Society's programme of public events runs from September to May. Our annual dinner for members is held in June. Some recent ILS events include appearances by Kevin Barry, Sebastian Barry, Marina Carr, Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, Martin Dyar; Jennifer Johnston, Edna O'Brien and other leading Irish artists and thinkers. We work with the Irish Embassy, the Irish Texts Society and with academic partners to deliver joint events. Events are listed on our website and members kept up-to-date via our newsletter.

venue:

Most ILS events are held at the Bloomsbury Hotel. The hotel is situated on Great Russell Street in the heart of 18th century Bloomsbury, just down the road from the British Museum.

membership:

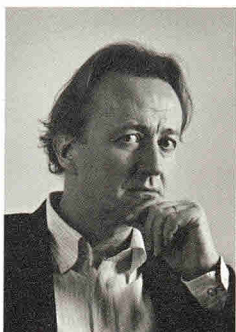
If you are interested in attending an event or joining the Society you can book or subscribe via our website. Alternatively, come along to an event - new faces are always welcome.

online and contact:

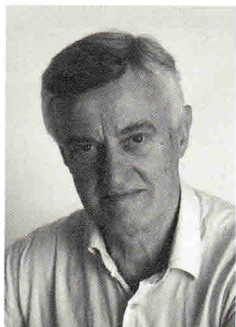
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Throughout its history the ILS has attracted major literary figures to serve on its committee and in key posts in the society. The President of the ILS is the poet and academic **Bernard O'Donoghue**. He is the most recent in a notable line of Presidents starting with Charles Gavan Duffy, a founder of the Nation newspaper and Young Ireland movement and including Anne Yeats and the poet Seamus Heaney who died in 2013 having held the post of ILS President for many years. The ILS Vice President is the celebrated historian **R. F. Foster**.



R. F. Foster



Bernard O'Donoghue

ils committee:

The Society is run by a committee which is elected from its membership each year at the AGM.

funding:

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