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Maeve Binchy Literary Festival

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER, 7.30PM

Elizabeth Moynihan's *Happiness Then...* a play exploring family, identity and belonging. Directed by Liam Halligan, starring Sorcha Furlong and Rachel Dowling. Post-show discussion with Elizabeth Moynihan and Ian Robertson.

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER, 9.30AM-5.30PM

Echoes of Maeve & Gordon featuring: John Boyne in conversation with Kevin Power; Lorraine Kelly in conversation with Miriam O'Callaghan; and Dominic Dromgoole, Sarah Binchy, Dermot Bolger, Rory Carroll, Sinéad Crowley, Martina Devlin, Caroline Erskine, Neil Hegarty, Faith Hogan, Margaret Kelleher, Julia Kelly, Catriona Lally, Niall MacMonagle, Chris Morash, Vicki Notaro, Doireann Ní Ghriofa, John O'Donnell and Ali White.

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER, 11.00AM & 3.00PM

11.00am — *Marvellously Maeve Guided Walk* with Rita Biggs. (Leaves from Dalkey Castle).

3.00pm — Rehearsed Reading of Maeve Binchy's *Flat in Ringsend*, adapted and directed by Jim Culleton, Artistic Director of Fishamble: The New Play Company, from a story in Maeve's 1982 collection *Dublin 4*. A young woman moves from the country to Dublin in the 1970s and experiences quite the culture shock! Post-show discussion with Jim Culleton and Gillian Binchy.

2-4 October 2026

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festival with Maeve Binchy
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SAT. 3 OCTOBER

9.30am-12.45pm

Tribute to Gordon Snell (1932-2026)

by Dominic Dromgoole.

Echoes of the past: writing inspired or drawn from life.

Dermot Bolger, Julia Kelly, Catriona Lally in conversation with Neil Hegarty.

Putting the women into women's fiction!

Faith Hogan, Vicki Notaro, Sinéad Crowley in conversation with Caroline Erskine.

Best-selling author John Boyne

in conversation with Kevin Power about his career and new novel *The Weight of Angels*, which imagines the life Oscar Wilde never had.

SAT. 3 OCTOBER

2.00pm-5.30pm

Reading from *The King of Quizzical Island* by Gordon Snell.

Pulling the thread: three writers taking inspiration from history.

Martina Devlin, Rory Carroll, Doireann Ni Ghriofa in conversation with Professor Margaret Kelleher.

Celebrating the short story in Ireland.

Sarah Binchy, Chris Morash, John O'Donnell in conversation with Niall MacMonagle.

Acclaimed Scottish television presenter, journalist and author Lorraine Kelly

in conversation with Miriam O'Callaghan.

FEATURING ENTERTAINING READINGS FROM MAEVE'S WORK BY LISE-ANN MCLAUGHLIN.

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BOOKING VIA WWW.ECHOES.IE & WWW.DALKEYCASTLE.COM

Friday 2 Oct:	Happiness Then...	€34.95*
Saturday 3 Oct:	Full day	€75.00*
	Half day (morning or afternoon)	€45.00*
Sunday 4 Oct:	Marvellously Maeve Guided Walk	€28.95*
	Flat In Ringsend	€34.95*

*Booking fees apply

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