

# The Gerard Manley Hopkins Society 20TH INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

in association with Newbridge Silverware



Saturday 21st to Friday 27th July 2007.

*The best literary festival in Ireland (Robert Welch Ed. The Oxford Companion to Irish Literature)*

## Daily Programme

- 10.00 Lectures
- 16.00 Special Events
- 18.00 Hopkins Society Evening Meal
- 20.00 International Poetry Readings
- 22.00 Festival Club, with Readings



### NEWBRIDGE SILVERWARE TOUR AND BANQUET

**Classical Concert:** Moore Abbey, Saturday 21st

**Guitar Recital:** Conor Mahony and Ben Howard

**Newman Morning:** University Church; Newman House

**Drama:** Wednesday 25 Violet O'Valle Yeats's *The Only Jealousy of Emer*

**Traditional Irish Music:** Malachy Bourke Group

**Exhibitions:** Brian Bourke; Ed. Navone; John Behan; Jay Murphy;

Brian O'Loughlin; Micheal Sheerin; Benedict Byrne

**Workshops:** (A) Music (B) Writing (C) Translation

**Conference theme for 2007:** Hopkins and Ireland (B) The Newman Connection



## PARTICIPANTS FOR 2007

**AUSTRALIA** Mark O'Connor **AUSTRIA:** Peter Paul Wiplinger; **BELGIUM** Eric Brogniet; Geert Van Istendael **Canada** Ina Biermann **BULGARIA** Boiko Lambovski **CZECH REPUBLIC** Milos Dolezal **Croatia** Drazen Katunaric; Milos Pesorda; Emil Cic; Anthony Abramovich; Nikola Duretic **CHINA** Wenning Jin **DENMARK** Morten Sondergarrd **FAROE ISLANDS:** Hanus Kamban **FINLAND** Vaino Kristina **FRANCE** George Morgan; Bruno Gaurier; **GERMANY** Uwe Bocker; Ines Dettmar; William Adamson **GREECE** Demosthenes Kourtovik; Ioanna Karatsaferi **ICELAND** Bragi Olafsson **IRELAND** Terence Dolan; John Hughes; Bruce Bradley SJ; Patrick Comerford; James Healy; Patrick Murray; Eamon Maher; Michael O'Dwyer; Dermot Healy; Michael O'Chonaighle; Brian Arkins; John Behan; Brian Bourke; Jay Murphy; Michael Sheerin; Benedict Byrne; John Donoghue **ITALY** Carla Lucente; Giuseppe Serpillo; Franco Marucci; Mariaconchetta Constantini; Lara Ferrini; Dante Marianacci; Donatella Badin **JAPAN** Sakiko Takagi; Miho Takahashi; Hikaru Kitabayashi; Shizue Ogawa **KOREA** Youngmin Kim **MACEDONIA** Biba Ishmael; Shaip Emerllahu N. **IRELAND** Robert Welch **NORWAY** Knut Odegard **POLAND** Aleksandra Kedzierska **RUSSIA** Anatoly Kudriavitski; Alla Savchenko **SCOTLAND** James McGonigal **SPAIN** Enrice Juncosa; Teresa Iglesias; Jose Maria Lopera; Isabel Miguel **SWEDEN** Thomas Tidholm; Terry Carlborn **SWITZERLAND** Joan Twomey **UK** Ian Ker; Jill, Doug Allaway; Irene Kyffin; **USA** Patrick Samway SJ; Lucas Carpenter; James Finn Cotter; Meg Cronin; Sean Kealey CSSp; Catherine Devine; Joseph Feeney SJ; Frank Fennell; Frank Flinn; Alice Bloch; John Kerrigan; Pauline Griffith; Jim Kelly; Mary Anne Joyce; Gene Lausch; Patricia Cleary Millar; Ed. Navone; Karen Ray; Delia Nisbet; Leonora Obed; Evelyn Wilson; Debra Casey; Evelyn Haller **WALES** Diarmuid Johnson; Amanda Reid

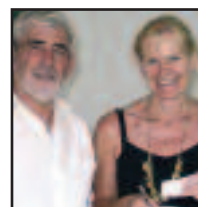
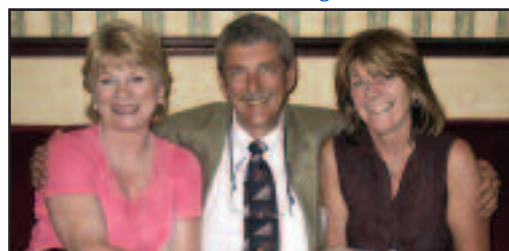


Season ticket: €300.00

(Does not include transport, meals, accommodation)

Day visitors welcome to any event or all (as priced).

The Committee reserve the right of admission



Further information available at our website: <http://www.gerardmanleyhopkins.org/festival/>

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# THE GOLDEN ECHO

Newsletter of the Gerard Manley Hopkins Society

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## 20 YEARS A-GROWING

Incredibly, 2007 marks the 20th year of our Annual Hopkins Conference. Over the years, it has become more international and with a wider variety of interests, reflecting those of Hopkins. This will be our most memorable Conference yet from the Opening Conference on Saturday 21st to the last session on Friday 27th July 2007.

Not to be missed!  
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## O'CONNOR AWARD 2007: Hikaru Kitabayashi

This year, the Newbridge Silverware sponsored trophy goes to Professor Hikaru Kitabayashi from Tokyo. Kitabayashi has attended, lectured at, contributed to and even sung at our last six Conferences. His contribution has been of great importance to the development of the Hopkins Conference - not only academically but as an enthusiast, energiser and supporter. The Committee unanimously proposed him to receive our most prestigious academic Award.



Arkins; Aleksandra Kedzierska; Peter Milward SJ; Karen Ray and now, Hikaru Kitabayashi.



Called after the O'Connor family, in whose honour it was originally sponsored by Professor Michael Allsopp, the Award is now promoted and sponsored by Newbridge Silverware and its CEO, William Doyle. The Trophy is perpetual but the handsome replica comes with the compliments of Newbridge Silverware, Ireland's oldest family-run silverware business.

The list of Awardees over the years speaks for itself: Hugh Kenner; James McKenna; Joseph Feeney SJ; Russell Murphy; Brian

## NEWBRIDGE SILVERWARE

We note with pride the continuing success of Newbridge Silverware, our major sponsor. They made international news when acquiring memorabilia belonging to Audrey Hepburn. They secured an Audrey Hepburn dress from Charade and have now that and some other key artifacts - letters, posters, magazine covers, signed photographs etc. on display in The Silver Restaurant. CEO William Doyle describes her as 'the most stylish lady that the world has ever seen'. Her legacy both in the film world and that of fashion, combined with her tireless work with UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador have all served to give her a special place as a cinema icon. Our congratulations to William Doyle on this spectacular coup, one sure to bring even more visitors flocking to Newbridge Silverware.

Newbridge Silverware also kindly sponsor the Hopkins and McKenna Awards.

## NUI MAYNOOTH

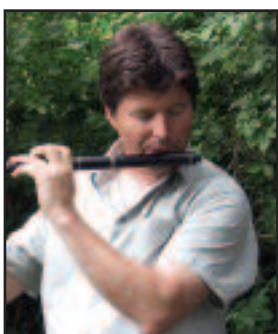
The Hopkins Society is very appreciative of the great interest in and support of our Conference shown by President John Hughes. The link with Maynooth University is an important one and has gone from strength to strength. We are happy to note from newspaper accounts the continuing success of our favourite University and the Society sends its congratulations to Professor Hughes.

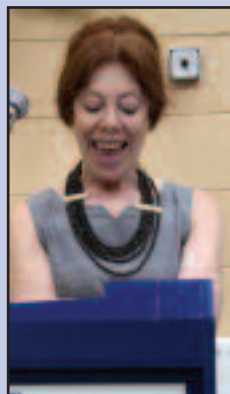
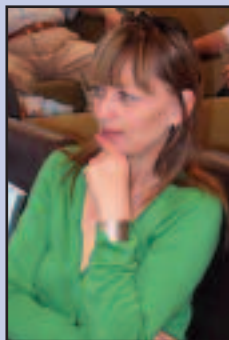
We also note with gratitude the great interest and support shown us by Faculty Members, Seamus MacGabhann and Michael O'Dwyer. We are sure that Hopkins visited Maynooth and invite scholars to offer material proof. It would make for valuable contribution to Hopkins scholarship.

## HOPKINS INSTALLATION

One of the highlights of 2006 occurred in September when Committee Member, Eamon Murray set up an elaborate Installation covering the activities of The Hopkins Summer School over the years. He backed up the exhibits with an impressive powerpoint presentation with continuous double projections. This installation was set up in conjunction with The Ryder Cup Competition in the nearby K-Club. It was opened in the stunning new Naas, Arus Chill Dara when distinguished guests included Mayor Fionnuala Dukes, President John Hughes (NUI Maynooth) and County Manager, Niall Bradley.

The Society plans to use this installation at other venues this year and congratulate Eamon Murray on his painstaking work.





## YOUTH PROGRAMME

Our Youth Programme continues to flourish - to the point that we had to restrict numbers in 2006. We are the only Literary Festival in Ireland so committed to developing the interest of young people that we run a parallel programme specially geared to their needs and calculated to attract their interest. In this connection, we salute the great work of Derek Egan. William Adamson from University of Ulm is another major contributor and the Society are offering him their Festival Award this year in recognition of his dedication. We must also acknowledge in this context the work of James Kelly (Washburn University) and Eamon Murray. The fact that we receive so many glowing letters of appreciation from our young participants is due to the work of all these dedicated people. We believe that our Youth Programme has been quietly making a genuine contribution to younger people's interest in the Arts, especially in County Kildare. The Hopkins Society is very committed to this.

## TREE PLANTING

One of the most moving events during the Summer School has proved to be the annual planting of a sapling to commemorate dear friends and associates who have died. Slowly, the Hopkins Garden - of which we are very proud, as we are of the magnificent Hopkins Monument, sculpted by James McKenna which fronts it - has begun to fill with these Trees of Remembrance. This year, the Society decided to place plaques on each tree featuring the names of those in whose honour it was planted. A walk past the Monument and seats for passers-by down through this Garden of Remembrance to 'the burling Barrow brown' in the distance is an experience in itself and one savoured annually by our visitors.

## ANNUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

From small beginnings, the Art Exhibition at the Hopkins Conference has progressed to the point that it now attracts leading Irish and International Artists. In the past, our list of exhibitors has included such luminaries as James McKenna; Robert Balagh; Michael Kane; Brian Maguire; Alice Hanratty; Wilhelm Fockersperger; Raimond Reiter; Liam Lyons; Rosano Maniscalchi; Sakiko Takagi and many others.

The 2007 line-up, perhaps, the most impressive to-date, includes leading Irish Artist, Brian Bourke; distinguished sculptor John Behan; Ed. Navone, an important American artist whose work has just been exhibited along with that of Robert Rauschenberg; Benedict Byrne; Jay Murphy; Brian O'Loughlin - all up-and-coming figures.

The Committee is proud of bringing art of such quality to Monasterevin and making it available at affordable prices. We are delighted at the high degree of local interest in our Annual Art Exhibitions.



## THE NEWMAN MODULE

2006 saw the introduction to our programme of a section dedicated to Hopkins's friend and mentor, John Henry Cardinal Newman. It was Newman who received Hopkins into the Catholic Church and it was to Newman's Catholic University that Newman was later appointed (although Newman was already long gone). Some of their correspondence makes for fascinating reading and throws light on each of these 19th century giants.

The Newman connection was commemorated memorably with contributions from Richard Dunn, Niall Tierney and Thomas Norris. In 2007, we build on this a lecture by Newman authority, Ian Ker, author of over twenty scholarly works on Newman including the much praised biography published by Oxford University Press. The visit to Newman's Church and to Newman House (where Hopkins lived and died) adds a further dimension to our 20th Conference and features a lecture by Teresa Iglesias, a Spanish academic both of Newman and of Hopkins.





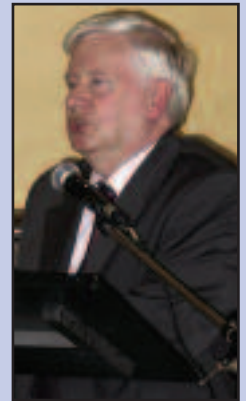
## HANS PÅLSSON TOUR

Our Artistic Director is not alone in thinking that Swedish pianist, Hans Pålsson, is one of the great world figures. His concerts for the Summer School are still talked about - so, the Committee is delighted that an Irish Tour, culminating in a Concert in Dublin Castle, will feature Pålsson in November 2007. The Committee plan to hold a concert and are excited at the prospect of another chance to hear this magnificent artist. His recent CD, Hans Pålsson, features him at his formidable best.



## INTERNATIONAL LINKS

Our Society continues to build international profile. In the last year, our President, Richard O'Rourke and Artistic Director, Desmond Egan have visited Zagreb Literary Conference and various American Universities. Further visits to Italy, Wales and Croatia are planned.



## AWARDS

**THE JAMES MCKENNA AWARD FOR 2007** was given to Professor John Hunter of Washburn University. His work in participating in and promoting our Annual Conference over many years has been beyond praise and the Committee took special pleasure in making this Award. The McKenna Award is geared towards those whose contribution has promoted the artistic side of our activities. John Hunter as a noted expert on the theatre, lighting and indeed in directing and making video film, ensured the appropriateness of his receiving the award which takes its name from one of the great Irish sculptors. Previous awardees include: Seamus Smyth; Alan Dukes; and Adrian McGoldrick - all noted promoters of the Arts. It was especially appropriate that the presentation took place in the presence of McKenna's magnificent horse and rider, Oisín Caught in the Time Warp at Arus Chill Dara and that President Farley of Washburn was able to lead a small contingent from his university for the presentation.



**THE GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS AWARD FOR 2007** was offered with equal enthusiasm to Niall Bradley. During his ten years as County Manager, he not only made a huge contribution to County Kildare in general, but was a tireless supporter and guide to the Hopkins Summer School. While the Committee keenly feel his loss as Manager, we are happy to acknowledge his real achievement and to wish him success and happiness as he moves into another chapter of his very full life.

Previous distinguished recipients include: Sean Power; Michael Habenicht and Michael Osborne.

