

Noel Monahan has won numerous awards for his poetry and writing. His awards include: The SeaCat National Poetry Award, organised by Poetry Ireland, the RTE P.J. O'Connor Award, the ASTI Achievements Award, The Hiberno-English Poetry Award and The Irish Writers' Union Poetry Award. His poetry is prescribed text for leaving certificate english, due for examination in 2011 and 2012. *Curve of The Moon* is Noel Monahan's fifth collection of poetry. *Opposite Walls* was published in 1991, *Snowfire* in 1995, *Curse of The Birds* in 2000 and *The Funeral Game* in 2004, all published by Salmon. His most recent play, *The Children of Lir*, was performed by Livin Dred Theatre and directed by Pádraig McIntyre. Noel Monahan holds an M.A. in Creative Writing.



Irish Poetry Reading

**Tuesday October 7, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
UMD Library Rotunda**



Roundtable Discussion on Writing & Publishing

**Monday
October 6, 2014**

**3-5:00 p.m.
RHDC 333**

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Joan McBreen is from Sligo. She divides her time between Tuam and Renvyle, County Galway. Her poetry collections are: *The Wind Beyond the Wall* (Story Line Press, 1990), *A Walled Garden in Moylough* (Story Line Press and Salmon Poetry, 1995) and *Winter in the Eye – New and Selected Poems* (Salmon Poetry, 2003). She was awarded an MA from University College, Dublin in 1997. Her anthology *The White Page / An Bhileog Bhán – Twentieth-Century Irish Women Poets* was published by Salmon in 1999 and is in its third reprint.

Her poetry is published widely in Ireland and abroad and has been broadcast, anthologised and translated into many languages. Her CD *The Long Light on the Land – Selected Poems*, read to a background of traditional Irish airs and classical music, was produced by Ernest Lyons Productions, Castlebar, County Mayo in 2004. She has given readings and talks in many universities in the USA including Emory, Villanova, De Paul (Chicago), Cleveland, Lenoir Rhyne, N.C. and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. In 2010 she undertook a six week reading tour of Nebraska, Iowa and Alabama and in 2012 she read at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN and at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.