Kennedy Summer School

A FESTIVAL of IRISH & AMERICAN HISTORY, CULTURE and POLITICS

12TH - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2013
New Ross, Co. Wexford
Last September we launched the Kennedy Summer School to herald the year of events and celebrations marking the fiftieth anniversary of President John F. Kennedy’s iconic visit to Ireland in 1963. The inaugural summer school exceeded all of our expectations, in both the quality of discussion and debate it inspired, and in the level of support and attention it received both locally and nationally.

This year we have created an exciting programme for the second Kennedy Summer School. Over the course of three days more than twenty speakers will participate in over a dozen events held in New Ross, at St Michael’s Theatre, the Brandon House Hotel and the newly opened Kennedy Homestead Visitor Centre.

We are particularly delighted that Rory Kennedy, daughter of Robert Kennedy, will join us to discuss her documentary film about her mother, Ethel, and that Ted Kennedy Jnr will deliver a lecture in honour of his late father Edward M. Kennedy.

All are welcome to attend each of the summer school events and details of the special discount packages are available on the back of this brochure and at www.kennedysummerschool.ie.

We hope that you will join us for some, or all, of the events.

Noel Whelan
Director Kennedy Summer School
THURSDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER

1.00pm: A LIFE OF PEOPLE, POLITICS AND PASSIONS
A lunchtime public interview
with Mary O’Rourke
Venue: St Michael’s Theatre, New Ross.

4.30pm: Official Opening of the Kennedy Summer School
TEA PARTY AT
THE KENNEDY HOMESTEAD
Dunganstown and Beyond: Kennedy Ancestors in
Wexford, Limerick, Fermanagh, Clare and Cork
Speakers: Andrew Pierce, Patrick Grennan
Special guests: Ted Kennedy Jnr and Rory Kennedy
Venue: Kennedy Homestead, Dunganstown, New Ross

8.00 pm: ETHEL: THE PERSONAL UNTOLD STORY
OF ETHEL KENNEDY
The Irish premiere of this five time Emmy nominated movie.
Followed by a Public Interview with Rory Kennedy,
film maker, & Mark Bailey, film writer;
by Prof. Richard Aldous.
Venue: St Michael’s Theatre, New Ross.
FRIDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER

Venue: All events, 11.00am to 4.00pm are in St Michael’s Theatre, New Ross.

11.00am: **WE CHOOSE TO GO TO THE MOON**
The Kennedy Space and Science Legacy
An audio visual presentation by Leo Enright, Space Commentator
*Presented in association with Waterford Institute of Technology*

12.00pm: **THE LEGACY OF JFK’S PRESIDENCY**
Speakers: Prof. Richard Aldous & Brian Murphy, historians

1.10pm: **REELING IN THE YEARS 1963**
Themes & Tunes, Music & Memories,
Television as a Time Capsule
An audio visual presentation by John O’Regan, Senior Producer RTE and Editor Reeling in the Years

4.00pm: **THE EDWARD M KENNEDY LECTURE**
A special address by Ted Kennedy Jnr
*In association with Edward M Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention, NUI Maynooth*

7.30pm **THE POLITICAL CANVAS – KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL DINNER**
Guest of Honour, Ted Kennedy Jnr

Venue: Brandon House Hotel
SATURDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER

Venue: All events, 11.00am to 3.00pm are in St Michael’s Theatre, New Ross.

11.00am: KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS FORUM
What, if anything, should America do for Ireland now?
Speakers: Barry O’Leary, Peter Cassells, Margaret E Ward, Michael Taft
In Association with Wexford Business Partnership and Wexford County Council

1.00 pm: REFORMING IRISH POLITICS
Focusing on Local Government and Seanad Éireann
Speakers: Minister Richard Bruton TD, Micheál Martin TD, Senator Katherine Zappone, Dr Jane Suiter, and others.

3.00pm: THE KENNEDY’S IRISH MAFIA
The story of the Irish who supported the Kennedys.
A new Circle Films documentary for TV3.
Followed by a panel discussion.
with David Harvey, Larry Donnelly and Andrew Pierce

5.00pm: AMERICAN BBQ & POLITICAL ROAST
George Hook v Michael Graham Debate:
“Ireland is deluding itself in its love affair with America”
Chaired by Nora Owen.
Sponsored by the Brandon House Hotel.

Venue: Brandon House Hotel

8.00pm: CLOSING NIGHT in St Michael’s Theatre
THE KENNEDYS – A HOMECOMING
Hosted by Alan Corcoran, South East Radio
Premiere Screening of: The Kennedys - A Homecoming;
One hour behind the scenes documentary by Circle Films for RTE, telling the story of the New Ross JFK50 Celebrations in June 2013
“Thanks for having us”
A video message from the Kennedys
Reflections on two homecoming weekends in 1963 and 2013
Speakers: George Hook, Nora Owen and others.
Barry O’Leary
CEO of IDA Ireland, served as Director of Europe from 1995-2002.

Peter Cassells
Executive director of the Edward M. Kennedy institute for Conflict Intervention at NUI, Maynooth.

George Hook
Presenter of popular drivetime radio show 'The Right Hook' which airs on Newstalk.

John O’Regan
Executive Producer of current affairs and special events at RTE. Producer of hit television show 'Reeling in the years'.

Margaret Ward
An award winning journalist, broadcaster and managing director at Clear Ink.

Mary O’Rourke
Former Minister, TD and deputy leader of Fianna Fail and Author of Just Mary.

Michael Graham
Former political consultant and author of four books. Now presents radio show, 'The Natural Truth'.

Nora Owen
Former Fine Gael Minister; Presenter of Midweek on TV3.

Katherine Zappone
American born member of Seanad Eireann and a Human Rights campaigner.

David Harvey
Former TV and radio presenter, currently CEO of City Channel and a director of Wavenex.

Alan Corcoran
Presenter of South East Radio’s Morning Mix.

Leo Enright
Space commentator, former Chairman of the science awareness programme, Discover Science and Engineering.
“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other”

John F. Kennedy
Tickets from St. Michael’s Theatre

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