

axis:arts presents

Dublin Valentines

Chaired by Dermot Bolger

Dublin Valentines is a talk chaired by one of Ireland's leading novelists and playwrights Dermot Bolger, along with a panel that includes Deirdre Purcell, Peter Sheridan and Senator David Norris. The four Dubliners discuss their relationship with their native city and the changing nature of Dublin today. Stories will be shared about the city they know and love so well and will include plenty of audience interaction and participation on the night.

Dermot Bolger commented: "Dublin has always been a city of words and I am really looking forward to hearing the memories and opinions of three outspoken and always fascinating speakers and to hearing questions and opinions from the audience".

Dermot Bolger, one of Ireland's leading novelists and playwrights, is currently playwright in association with the **axis** arts centre, who have staged his award-winning works in Ireland, Britain, Poland, America and Belgium in the past year.

Deirdre Purcell enjoyed careers in broadcasting, journalism and acting before she became the acclaimed and best-selling author of eleven novels. In 2006 she published the acclaimed memoir, *Diamonds and Holes in My Shoes*, and in 2007 published *Follow Me Down to Dublin: The City Through the Voices of its People*.

Peter Sheridan is a writer, theatre director, playwright, screenwriter, and film director. One of the founder members of Project Arts Centre, in 2000 he wrote and directed the film *Borstal Boy*, based upon Brendan Behan's memoir. He is the author of *44 – A Dublin Memoir* and *Forty-Seven Roses*.

Senator David Norris, one of the most significant figures in Irish political and cultural life today, is a historian and academic, a politician and one of Ireland's leading Joyce scholars.

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