

ENTRY FORM - 2020

(Block Capitals Please)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone(s) : _____

Email: _____

Title of short story: _____

Exact Word Count: _____

I confirm that I am able to attend the presentation ceremony at a special event at the Molly Keane Writers Retreat, Ardmore, Co. Waterford on Saturday 6th June 2020. Tick (Please note that this is a condition of entry).

This is an original work and has not been previously published, printed or placed in a competition.

I agree to be bound by the rules and conditions of this award.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please include a short biographical note about your writing here:

Closing date for receipt of entries is Monday 6th April 2020 at 12 noon

Arts Office – Waterford City & County Council Oifig Ealaíon Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge



Molly Keane Creative Writing Award 2020

Since 1998 the Arts Office has been running this national annual Creative Writing Award to celebrate the rich literary life of the late Molly Keane. Molly lived in Ardmore, Co. Waterford until she died in 1996. She started writing at a young age to 'supplement her dress allowance'. Her first ten novels and four plays were published under the pseudonym M.J. Farrell.

She married into the Keane family of West Waterford but sadly her husband died at the age of 36. Molly ceased writing until 1981 when 'Good Behaviour' was published under her real name. It became a publishing sensation and was well received as a masterpiece of black comedy for which she was short-listed for the prestigious Booker Prize in 1981.

The Arts Office, Waterford City & County Council by kind permission of the Keane family is now inviting entries for a previously unpublished short story for this year's award.

ENTRY CONDITIONS

This is an open competition for people resident on the island of Ireland for a short story. The selection process will be from entries which have been previously unpublished or printed. Entries, which have received awards in other competitions, are also ineligible. It is highly advisable that entries are not currently submitted elsewhere for consideration.

Only short stories will be accepted. Poetry and prose entries are inadmissible. All entries should be typed on A4 paper.

The limit for each piece is 2000 words. The exact word count should be typed at the end of the final page.

There is no entry fee. No more than one entry should be submitted by any individual. There is no age limit.

The author's details are to be given on the official entry form and attached to the entry. None of these details are to appear on the work being submitted.

The title of the piece is to appear on each page. Do not bind, tape or staple your entry, use paper clips only.

The organisers regret that work cannot be returned, so please make a copy of your entry.

While copyright will remain with the competitor, the Arts Office reserves the right to arrange the first publication and broadcast of the selected works.

The right to use the stories to further publicise this award is also retained. The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding their decision.

It is a condition of entry that the winner will be required to attend the presentation of the award in the Molly Keane Writers Retreat, Ardmore, Co. Waterford on Saturday 6th June 2020.

The winner will be requested to read their winning story at this event.

€500 & a commemorative scroll will be awarded to the winner.

The closing date for receipt of entries is **Monday 6th April 2020 at 12 noon**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Submission of a written piece implies the authors acceptance of the rules and conditions.

Entry forms are available for download from www.waterfordcouncil.ie or by phoning 058-41416.

HARD COPIES ONLY will be accepted to the stated address below. Electronically submitted or faxed entries are inadmissible.

Entries are to be sent to:
Creative Writing Award,
Margaret Organ/Arts Officer,
Waterford City & County Council,
Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

