

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (1) The competition is open to people born or resident in Ireland.
- (2) Only one entry per person is allowed.
- (3) Entries, in Irish or English, must be the original work of the author and must not have been previously published or broadcast.
- (4) Entries should be written in the knowledge that each of the short-listed stories will be read on air.
- (5) Stories must be between **1,800 and 2,000** words in length. Stories outside this word range will not be considered.
- (6) Entries should be double-spaced and typewritten on one side only of A4 paper.
- (7) The author's name should only appear on the accompanying entry form.
- (8) The author is advised to retain a copy of his/her entry as RTÉ cannot return scripts.
- (9) Entries will be accepted from Friday 25 October 2013 until Friday 31 January 2014. The winners will be announced in June 2014.
- (10) The decision of the judges is final and RTÉ cannot enter into correspondence concerning the judging or merits of any entry.
- (11) Each submission should be sent/delivered in an A4 envelope and accompanied by a completed entry form to:

**RTÉ RADIO 1 SHORT STORY COMPETITION,
RTÉ RADIO CENTRE,
DUBLIN 4.**



SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2014

IN MEMORY OF
FRANCIS MAC MANUS

JUDGES FOR THE 2014 COMPETITION

Christine Dwyer Hickey's short stories have appeared in magazines and anthologies world-wide and have won several awards including Listowel Writers Week (twice) and the Sunday Observer/Penguin competition. She has published six novels, the latest of which *The Cold Eye of Heaven* (Atlantic Books UK 2011) has received wide critical acclaim and was winner of the Kerry Group Irish novel of the year 2012. She is a member of Aosdána.



Julie Parsons, former radio and television producer, is the author of six best selling psychological thrillers. "Mary, Mary", "The Courtship Gift", "Eager to Please", "The Guilty Heart", "The Hourglass" and "I Saw You" were all published internationally and translated into sixteen languages. She has also written two radio plays for RTE, "The Sweet Smell of Cigarette Smoke" and "The Serpent Beguiled Me".



Eoin Purcell is Editorial Director of New Island Books, Dublin, where he commissions across fiction and non-fiction titles. Previously he was editor of Irish Publishing News. He has worked for Mercier Press, Cork and Nonsuch Ireland (now The History Press Ireland), Dublin. He writes about publishing for newspapers, magazine, online outlets and at his blog, eoinpurcellsblog.com.



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The competition was founded in memory of Francis Mac Manus, the Kilkenny born novelist, biographer and former Head of Talks and Features at Radió Éireann. Since its establishment in 1986 the competition has been a launching pad for several new and emerging writers who have subsequently achieved national and international acclaim. They include Molly McCluskey, Anthony Glavin, Claire Keegan, Mary O'Donnell and Ivy Bannister.

The author of the overall prize will receive €3,000 and prizes of €2,000 and €1,000 will be awarded to the second and third prize winners.

The judges for 2014 are Christine Dwyer Hickey, Julie Parsons and Eoin Purcell. The chairman of the judging panel is Clíodhna Ní Anluain, series producer of the RTÉ Radio Short Story Competition in memory of Francis Mac Manus.

Each of the 25 short-listed stories is produced in studio at RTÉ Radio. The judges listen to these recordings and read the stories to consider their broadcasting and short story qualities before they select the winning entries. All of the short-listed stories are broadcast on RTÉ Radio 1 following the announcement of the competition winners.

The 2013 short-listed entries can be heard on the RTÉ Player at www.rte.ie/radio1/francis-macmanus-short-story/

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ENTRY FORM

I wish to submit the following short story for inclusion in the above competition:

Title

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Number of words

I have read and agree to abide to the Rules of this competition:

Signed:

Date:.....

Name:
(in block capitals)

Address:

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Telephone:

E-mail:.....

Please cut along the dotted line and return this entry form to:

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