

**JOHN
MORIARTY**

FESTIVAL

21-23 JUNE 2024



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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

What this Festival seeks to do is to bring the vision of John Moriarty back to the place and the people that inspired it, to the children in the schools and to the local people, who have heard of him, but are perhaps unaware of the extraordinary significance of his message. For this reason, we are launching a book, *Grounded in Story*, that will celebrate his debt to his native place; we will have a symposium on his vision; and we will have an evening of music and chat that will be both entertaining and soul-nourishing.

John Moriarty takes the stories that we are all familiar with, our Celtic stories, our Christian stories, and reinterprets them in a unique way, finding in them guidance that could enable us to realize 'our highest human possibilities'. In a time of ecological, spiritual, and political crisis, he challenges us to find a new way of being on the earth and a new way of being towards one another. This is a festival about sharing a life-enhancing vision.



SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDE

We will be joined by a terrific line up of guests including Tommy Tiernan, Liam Ó Maonlaí, Katerina Garcia, Moya Cannon, Manchán Magan, Alan Gilsenane, Diarmuid Lyng and Martin Shaw.



TICKETS

Excluding Friday events, access to all other festival weekend events is limited to weekend ticket holders only. A virtual livestream ticket is also available for *The Blackbird and the Bell Revisited*.

- Weekend ticket: €100
- *The Blackbird and The Bell Revisited* online livestream ticket: €15

Visit www.johnmoriarty.ie to purchase tickets.

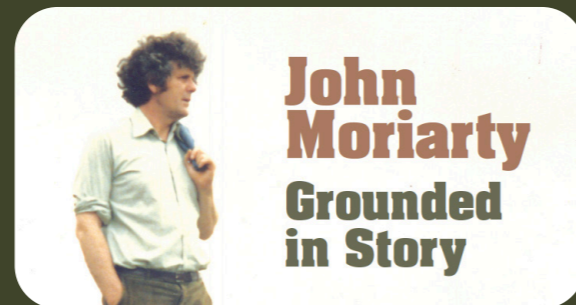
JOHN MORIARTY FESTIVAL MOYVANE 21-23 JUNE 2024

21ST FRI
12:00 - 1:30 PM

GROWING IN WONDER

Moriarty for local school children hosted by actor Seán Mc Gillicuddy.

7:30 - 9:30PM



A WAY TO WONDER: FESTIVAL OPENING, BOOK LAUNCH AND WEBSITE LAUNCH

Location: The Church of the Assumption, Moyvane

A free event to mark the opening of the John Moriarty Festival weekend and officially launch a new collection of John's writing, *John Moriarty: Grounded in Story*. This is a carefully-chosen selection of John's own writing on his roots and early influences in Moyvane. Special guests and speakers include Fr. Pat Aherne, Br. Sean Aherne, Fr. John Joe Spring, Tommy Tiernan and editors of the collection, Amanda Carmody and Mary McGillicuddy. A new website, dedicated to building a community around John's writing, will also be officially launched.



22ND SAT
10:00-12:30PM

NOSTOS: LAPWINGS I REMEMBER

Location: Leitrim Hill, Moyvane.

A rare opportunity to visit Leitrim Hill and the Moriarty homestead. Inhale the music of John's language as you explore the place which inspired so much of his thinking and writings. Enjoy stories and reflections on John's early life and influences.

2:00 - 5:00PM

DREAMTIME SYMPOSIUM

Location: Marian Hall, Moyvane.

Join six guest speakers in a celebratory deep dive into Dreamtime, which turns thirty this year. Guest contributions, unpacking various themes central to the Moriarty vision, will be punctuated by questions, dialogue and – no doubt – good humoured laughter. Guest speakers include authors Mary McGillicuddy, Martin Shaw and Brendan O Donoghue. Access to this event is limited to weekend ticket holders only. There will be an interval of 20 minutes for tea and coffee and plenty of time to mingle and chat afterwards.

8:00 - 10:30PM

THE BLACKBIRD AND THE BELL REVISITED

Location: Marian Hall, Moyvane.

A unique and unmissable evening of music, poetry and story hosted by Tommy Tiernan. Featuring very special guests from among John Moriarty's growing fanbase including Liam Ó Maonlaí, Manchán Magan and many more. In-person access to this event is limited to weekend ticket holders only. Virtual tickets are available for purchase to join this event online via livestream.

23RD SUN
9:00 - 10:30AM

EARTH-RISE / ÉIRÍ AN TALAMH

A solstice awakening of the senses.

Location: Marian Hall, Moyvane.

Awaken your senses and commune with the earth using the Irish language and movement. Join Sophie Rieu and Siobhan de Paor for a journey of ignition and connection to what John Moriarty called our "commonage consciousness".

Note: Please bring your own yoga mats to this event.

11:00 - 11:45AM

LOCAL SUNDAY MASS

An open invitation to join local Sunday Mass in Moyvane with celebrant Fr. Brendan Carmody.

12:00 - 1:45PM

INVOKING IRELAND: CONNECTING WITH THE SOURCE

Location: Marian Hall, Moyvane.

Join us for a morning of poetry, music and the reading of passages from John's invocation of our Irish Dreamtime as we conclude the festival weekend. We reflect on John's vision of walking beautifully on the Earth and hope we all will depart Moyvane renewed and enriched in meaning and purpose. Guest speakers include Diarmuid Lyng and Grace Wells.



SONG AND ENTERTAINMENT IN LOCAL PUBS IN MOYVANE EACH NIGHT

ABOUT JOHN MORIARTY

John Moriarty was born in Kerry on 2 February 1938 and died there on 1 June 2007. He was educated at St Michael's College, Listowel, and University College Dublin. He taught English literature at the University of Manitoba in Canada for six years, before returning to Ireland in 1971. His books include *Dreamtime* (1994); the trilogy *Turtle Was Gone a Long Time: Crossing the Kedron* (1996), *Horsehead Nebula Neighing* (1997) and *Anaconda Canoe* (1998); *Nostos, An Autobiography* (2001); *Invoking Ireland* (2005); *Night Journey to Buddh Gaia* (2006); *Serious Sounds* (2007); and *One Evening in Eden* (2007), a boxed CD collection of his talks, stories and poetry.



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