



## TOP NOVELISTS FOR NEXT KIL-FEST

Kilkenny's International Literary Festival's next event will take place on August 4<sup>th</sup> and will feature two of Ireland's top writers of historical fiction – Michèle Forbes and Peter Cunningham, with popular KCLR presenter, Martin Bridgeman, as moderator of what is sure to be another sell-out talk and set of readings.

Michèle Forbes' first novel *Ghost Moth* was shortlisted for *Newcomer Of The Year* at the Irish Book Awards and for *First Book Award* at the Edinburgh International Book Festival. Her second novel *Edith & Oliver* and was chosen as a Sunday Times Book of the Year. JoMichèle is 'a writer who is not afraid to address the so-called ordinary lives of real human beings.' – John Banville.

Peter Cunningham is an award-winning Irish novelist and newspaper columnist from Waterford, and his first thriller, *Noble Lord* was released in 1986. He is best known for the historical novels, beginning with *Tapes of the River Delta*, which have been widely acclaimed. *The Taoiseach* was a controversial best seller, whilst *Capital Sins*, for which Cunningham was described by the *Irish Times* newspaper as 'the Hemmingway of the Celtic Tiger', was a satire set in the Irish economic meltdown, and *The Trout* is his most recent novel. Peter is also a member of Aosdána.

Further information and tickets (from €12) for this one-off event can be found at the venue's website: <https://pembrokekilkenny.wearegifted.co.uk/kilfest-aug-4> (no booking fee). This literary festival is part of AKA Fringe and is kindly supported by the host venue, Pembroke Kilkenny.

Access information here: <http://kilfest.ie.ie>

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