

Aosdána

December 2002

Visual Arts

Robert Ballagh
John Behan
Pauline Bewick
*Cathal Black
Basil Blackshaw
Brian Bourke
*Fergus Bourke
*Cecily Brennan
*Vincent Browne
Michael Bulfin
*John Burke
*Cathy Carman
James Coleman
Barrie Cooke
Joe Comerford
*Maud Cotter
*Dorothy Cross
William Crozier
*Charles Cullen
*Michael Cullen
*Rosaleen Davey
*Edward Delaney
*Diarmuid Delargy
Willie Doherty
*Micky Donnelly
*Felim Egan
Conor Fallon
*Mary FitzGerald
Tom Fitzgerald
*Marie Foley
*Martin Gale
*Richard Gorman
*Tim Goulding
Patrick Graham
*Patrick Hall
Alice Hanratty
Charles Harper
*Eithne Jordan
Michael Kane
*John Kelly
Brian King
*Gene Lambert
*Sonja Landweer
Louis le Brocqy
Melanie le Brocqy
*Ciarán Lennon
Mary Lohan
Anne Madden

Brian Maguire

*Alice Maher
Louis Marcus
*Fergus Martin
Stephen McKenna
Theo McNab
Seán McSweeney
Nick Miller
*Helen Moloney
*Alfonso Lopez
Monreal
*Michael Mulcahy
*Carolyn Mulholland
*Janet Mullarney
*Eilís O'Connell
*Michael O'Dea
*Gwen O'Dowd
*Alannah O'Kelly
Tony O'Malley
Patrick O'Sullivan
*Janet Pierce
Kathy Prendergast
*Patrick Pye
*Michael Quane
*Bob Quinn
*Vivienne Roche
*Nigel Rolfe
*James Scanlon
Patrick Scott
*Dermot Seymour
Sean Scully
*David Shaw-Smith
Noel Sheridan
John Shinnors
*Maria Simonds-
Gooding
*Camille Souter
Imogen Stuart
*Rod Tuach
Charles Tyrrell
*Barbara Warren
*Michael Warren
*Samuel Walsh
Nancy Wynne Jones

Literature

*Leland Bardwell
Sebastian Barry
Dermot Bolger

Clare Boylan

*Marina Carr
*Ciaran Carson
*Philip Casey
*Harry Clifton
*Michael Coady
*Evelyn Conlon
*Anthony Cronin
*Tony Curtis
*Margaretta D'Arcy
*Michael Davitt
*Ita Daly
Seamus Deane
*Neil Donnelly
*Theo Dorgan
*Paul Durcan
Bernard Farrell
*Pádraic Fiacc
Brian Friel
*Patrick Galvin
*Carlo Gébler
*Robert Greacen
*Hugo Hamilton
*Michael Harding
Anne Haverty
Dermot Healy
Seamus Heaney
*Aidan Higgins
*Rita Ann Higgins
*Pearse Hutchinson
Jennifer Johnston
Neil Jordan
*Adrian Kenny
*Benedict Kiely
Tom Kilroy
James Liddy
Michael Longley
*Brian Lynch
*Tom MacIntyre
Bernard MacLaverty
*Deirdre Madden
*Derek Mahon
*Hugh Maxton
Thomas McCarthy
John McGahern
*MedbhMcGuckian
Frank McGuinness
*Paula Meehan
*John Montague

Paul Muldoon

Val Mulhern
Richard Murphy
Thomas Murphy
Eilean Ní Chuilleanáin
Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill
Christopher Nolan
*Jim Nolan
Edna O'Brien
Seán Ó Coistealbha
*Micheál Ó Conghaile
*Ulick O'Connor
*Mary O'Donnell
Julia O'Faoláin
*Críostóir Ó Floinn
*Desmond O'Grady
*Mary O'Malley
*Liam Ó Muirthile
*Cathal Ó Searcaigh
Micheal O'Siadhail
James Plunkett
*Tim Robinson
Gabriel Rosenstock
*Sydney Bernard Smith
Matthew Sweeney
Colm Tóibín
William Trevor
*Macdara Woods
*Vincent Woods

Music

*Gerald Barry
Seóirse Bodley
John Buckley
Frank Corcoran
*Raymond Deane
Jerome de Bromhead
*Roger Doyle
Eibhlís Farrell
*Michael Holohan
*Fergus Johnston
John Kinsella
Philip Martin
Kevin O'Connell
*Jane O'Leary
Eric Sweeney
Ian Wilson
*James Wilson

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Aosdána

Aosdána is an affiliation of artists engaged in literature, music and the visual arts.

Established by the Arts Council in 1983, Aosdána honours artists whose work has made an outstanding contribution to the arts in Ireland. Through financial support and peer recognition, the organisation encourages and assists members to donate their energies fully to their art.

Practical matters

Membership of Aosdána is limited to 200, by agreement with the Arts Council. To be eligible for membership, an artist must have been born in Ireland or have been resident here for five years and have produced an original and creative body of work.

Aosdána members are eligible for the *cnuas* (annuity), payable by the Arts Council, to assist them in the full-time pursuit of their art. In 2002, the annual value of the *cnuas* was €11,072. Payment is restricted to those artists whose other earnings, averaged over a three-year period, do not exceed one-and-a-half times the value of the *cnuas*. The Arts Council also subscribes to a contributory pension scheme for members of Aosdána in receipt of the *cnuas*.

Aosdána acknowledges a member's achievements through an award of honour known as *Saoi*. There are never more than five *Saoithe*. In 2002 they were Seamus Heaney, Benedict Kiely, Louis le Brocqy and Tony O'Malley. Tony O'Malley who had been a *Saoi* since 1993 died in January 2003.

Aosdána's affairs are governed by an annual General Assembly of the membership and by more regular meetings of the *Toscairí*, a committee of ten members elected every two years. A General Assembly normally meets once a year to elect new members and to review the organisation's affairs.

The Arts Council provides secretariat services to Aosdána, including the payment of *cnuais* and the organisation of meetings. The Director of the Arts Council is *ex officio* the Registrar of Aosdána.

Report on the year

The members of the *Toscaireacht* serving from 1999 to 2002 were Anthony Cronin, Roger Doyle, Dermot Healy, John Kinsella, Gene Lambert, Brian Maguire, David Shaw Smith, Paula Meehan, Raymond Deane and Alice Hanratty.

In February 2002 a newly elected *Toscaireacht* held its first meeting. The members of this *Toscaireacht* are Seóirse Bodley, Maud Cotter, Anthony Cronin, Theo Dorgan, Paul Durcan, Alice Hanratty, Fergus Johnston, Michael Kane, Brian Maguire and Eric Sweeney. They met on four occasions during the year and, by agreement, began to publish the minutes of their meetings in November 2002 on the Aosdána website www.artscouncil.ie/aosdana in line with Aosdána's commitment to greater transparency of its procedures.

In 2002 there was no General Assembly and the membership stood at 188.

106 members received the *cnuas* during the year, representing total payments by the Arts Council of over €1,175,000.

Death of John B Keane

Aosdána members were saddened by the death of a much-admired playwright and writer during the year. John B Keane, who died on 30 May, was elected a member of Aosdána in January 1984. Born in Listowel, Co Kerry in 1928, Keane, a prolific writer, is best remembered for his work for the stage, including *The Field*, *Sive*, *The Chastitute* and *Big Maggie*. In addition he was a novelist, an essayist and poet.