

RTÉ Short Story COMPETITION

IN HONOUR OF
FRANCIS MACMANUS



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. To be eligible to enter this competition, the entrant must be over 18 (on or before the competition closing date), and must be resident on the island of Ireland, or, if living abroad, hold an Irish passport. Proof of nationality and/or residency may be requested of shortlisted writers.

2. Only one entry per person is permitted. If more than one story is submitted, only the first story received will be considered.

3. Entries, in Irish or English, must (i) be original, fictional and entirely your own work; (ii) not infringe the copyright or any other rights of any third party; (iii) not be defamatory of any person or corporate body; (iv) not be under consideration elsewhere for the duration of this competition's judging process, up to the announcement of the shortlist in September 2023, and not have been previously broadcast or published, including online, and (v) be suitable for RTE to a general audience: so excessive use of bad language, for example, should be avoided.

4. Your story's wordcount must fall between 1800 and 2000 words, excluding the title. Shortlisted stories will be recorded, published and broadcast exactly as submitted beyond obvious typographical errors, without any opportunity for further revision from you. So only submit your story when you are satisfied it is free from errors.

5. The competition is judged anonymously, so to avoid disqualification you must ensure that your name does not appear anywhere on your story itself, but only on the postal form or online entry form where requested.

6. You can enter the competition by two means only: at the online Submittable form available at rte.ie/writing or by post. Neither email entries nor hand delivered entries will be accepted.

For formatting and requirements for online entries, see the online form at rte.ie/writing.

Postal entries must be accompanied by this entry form which you can also download at rte.ie/writing. Or, to receive a printed entry form in the post, email: fmacmanusstories@rte.ie, or leave a message at (01) 208 3277 with your name, phone number and postal address and request to be sent a form.

Postal entries should be typed, double-spaced on one side only of A4 paper, with pages numbered, laid out in such a way that no sentence runs over from one page to the next, and sent, with this completed entry form, to: The RTÉ Short Story Competition in honour of Francis MacManus, Radio Centre, RTÉ, Donnybrook, Dublin.

You should retain a copy of your entry as RTÉ cannot return scripts. RTÉ will only ever use personal details for the purposes of the competition.

7. The closing date is Friday 26 May 2023. Postal entries received by us up to and including that date will be accepted. The deadline for online entries is midnight Irish time on Friday 26 May 2023. This is a strict deadline; no exceptions will be made. Entries successfully submitted online will receive an automated acknowledgement to the email address provided. RTÉ will not acknowledge receipt of postal entries and does not accept any responsibility for late, lost or damaged entries. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.

8. The judges' decision is final and RTÉ will not enter into correspondence concerning any entry.

9. By submitting an entry for the competition, you hereby acknowledge and agree that the winning entries and any other shortlisted entry may be read out and reproduced and broadcast (in whole or in part) on RTÉ's radio services and via the RTÉ website and online services (including RTÉ Radio Player) as well as featured in an RTÉ podcast available for download from RTÉ and other third party platforms. You also acknowledge that the winning entries may be used by RTÉ for publicity purposes around the competition and published in full or as an extract in print or online (including without limitation RTÉ Guide, RTÉ website and other third party platforms). Entry to the competition constitutes acceptance of these terms. By submitting a story, you agree that in the event of being shortlisted or winning the competition, you will consent to RTÉ identifying you as the author for publicity purposes to promote the competition.

10. Employees of RTÉ are not eligible to enter the competition.

11. All 10 stories will be broadcast on RTÉ Radio 1. The winners of the top three winning stories will receive prizes of €5000, €4000 and €3000 respectively; the other shortlisted authors will each receive a fee of €250.

12. You acknowledge and agree that to the extent permitted by law, RTÉ will not be liable for any loss or damage (whether such damage or losses were foreseen, foreseeable, known or otherwise) including financial and/or reputation and/or disappointment, suffered by you for entering the competition or as a result of your story being a winning entry.

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ENTRY
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CLAIRE KILROY

Claire Kilroy is the author of four novels. She won the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature in 2004, has been shortlisted three times for the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year, and was an inaugural recipient in 2019 of the Markievicz Award. Her fifth novel, *Soldier Sailor*, described by Anne Enright as "a scorching read," and by Sebastian Barry as "a radiant and fearless work of universal import," will be published by Faber in May.



FERDIA MacANNA

Ferdia Mac Anna returns to the RTÉ Short Story Competition as a judge this year. He works as a novelist, film director, screenwriter and lecturer. In 1996, his novel, *The Last of the High Kings* was made into a Hollywood movie starring Jared Leto, Gabriel Byrne and Christina Ricci. His latest feature film is *Danny Boy*, which received an international release last year.



KATHLEEN MacMAHON

Kathleen MacMahon is a bestselling novelist, short story writer and journalist. Her work has been listed for numerous awards, including the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year and The Women's Prize for Fiction. Her fourth novel, *The Home Scar*, has just been published by Penguin.

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The competition was founded to honour Francis MacManus (1909–1965), the Kilkenny-born novelist, biographer and former Head of Talks and Features at Radio Éireann.

Since its establishment in 1986, the competition has been a launching pad for several new and emerging writers who have gone on to receive national and international acclaim. They include Claire Keegan, Molly McCloskey, Anthony Glavin, Ciarán Folan and Nuala Ní Chonchúir.

The winner of the overall prize will receive €5000, with €4000 and €3000 being awarded to the second and third place prizewinners. This year, shortlisted runners-up will receive €250 each, and all stories will be recorded by a professional reader and broadcast in a season of new writing on RTÉ Radio 1 in the autumn. The top three prizewinning stories will also be published on the journal.ie.

Judging is completely anonymous: the names of the authors are only disclosed after the judging process has taken place.

The shortlist and winners will be announced by the end of September 2023.

For more see www.rte.ie/writing

ENTRY FORM



I wish to submit the following short story for inclusion in the RTÉ Short Story Competition 2023

STORY TITLE

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NUMBER OF WORDS

DATE

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I have read and agree to the rules of this competition.

SIGNED

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NAME (block capitals)

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ADDRESS

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PHONE

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EMAIL

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Please cut along the dotted line and return this form to:
RTÉ Short Story Competition,
Radio Centre, Donnybrook, Dublin 4

