

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (1) The competition is open to people over 18 years of age 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. They cannot be under consideration elsewhere and must not have been previously published (including online) or broadcast.
- (4) Entries should be written in the knowledge that each of the short-listed stories will be read on air. It is therefore advisable to avoid excessive use of strong language.
- (5) Stories must be between **1,800** and **2,000** words in length and the word count must be displayed clearly on each entry. 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 **Monday 7th March 2016 until Friday 27th May 2016**. The winners will be announced in Autumn 2016.
- (10) The decision of the judges is final and RTÉ cannot enter into correspondence concerning the 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,
DONNYBROOK,
DUBLIN 4**



SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2016

IN MEMORY OF
FRANCIS MAC MANUS

JUDGES FOR THE 2016 COMPETITION

Evelyn Conlon is a novelist, short story writer and editor whose novels include *Stars in the Daytime*, *A Glassful of Letters*, *Skin of Dreams* and *Not the Same Sky*, published by Wakefield Australia. Her three collections of short stories include, *Telling-New* and *Selected Stories*, many of which have been anthologised and translated worldwide, most recently into Tamil. Her story based on the life of Violet Gibson, the Irish woman who attempted to assassinate Mussolini, has been published in Italian. Books Upstairs are re-publishing three of her titles in 2016. She lives in Dublin.



Declan Meade is publisher of *The Stinging Fly* magazine, which he established in 1997 and edited until 2014. He is currently editor & publisher with Stinging Fly Press. Since 2005 he has published debut short story collections by Kevin Barry, Michael J. Farrell, Mary Costello, Colin Barrett, Claire-Louise Bennett and Danielle McLaughlin and has edited a number of anthologies, including *These Are Our Lives*, *Let's Be Alone Together* and *Davy Byrnes Stories 2014*.



Mary Morrissy is the author of three novels, *Mother of Pearl*, *The Pretender* and *The Rising of Bella Casey* and two collections of short stories, *A Lazy Eye* and *Prosperity Drive*. She teaches creative writing at UCC and is a member of Aosdána.



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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 Radio Éireann. Since its establishment in 1986, the competition has been a launching pad for several new and emerging writers who have subsequently received national and international acclaim. They include Molly McCloskey, Anthony Glavin, Claire Keegan and Nuala Ní Chonchúir.

The winner 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.

Each of the 25 short-listed stories is recorded being read by a professional reader. The judges listen to these recordings and read the stories to consider their broadcasting and short story qualities before they select the winning entries. The entire shortlist is broadcast on RTÉ Radio 1 following the announcement of the competition winners.

[http://www.rte.ie/radio1/
francis-macmanus-short-story/](http://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

Number of words

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

Signed:

Date:

Name:
(in block capitals)

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

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

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