



The Baton Rouge Irish Club Presents Baton Rouge's Fifth Annual Bloomsday

June 16, 2009

The Baton Rouge Gallery

6:30 to 9:30

Come enjoy an evening of theatrical readings from James Joyce, Irish music, and bagpipes. Dr. Pat Mcgee, the James Joyce scholar at LSU, will also do a presentation and overview of James Joyce. There will be toasts, raffles, food, Irish merriment, and great literary moments. Admission is free. Enjoy a bit of Ireland here in Baton Rouge!

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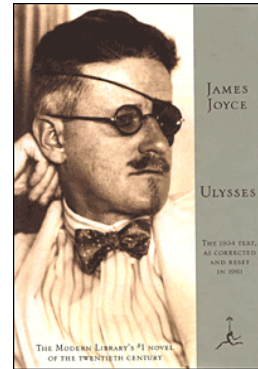


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The event will be held Monday June 16th at The Baton Rouge Gallery from 6:30 until 9:00. A reception with wine and hors d'ouvres will begin the evening as the bag piper pipes the guests into the gallery. Some wonderful raffle prizes and silent auction items will be available. Readings from James Joyce will be done by Helen Hoffpauir, Dr. Michael Katchmer, and Nancy Litton. Helen Hoffpauir has sung for years in the area and has a theater background as well. Mike Katchmer is a Latin professor at LSU and regular actor in theater. Nancy Litton is a favorite of theater goers in our area. Dr. Pat Mcgee, the James Joyce scholar at LSU, will also do a presentation and overview of James Joyce. Our bagpiper is Will Brian from the Na Cait Dubh pipe band of the Celtic Society of Louisiana.



There will be toasts, raffles, food and great literary and musical moments. Admission is free. Enjoy a bit of Ireland here in Baton Rouge! The day's festivities will continue after the Gallery event live music and libations at **The Red Star Bar** on Laurel St. in downtown Baton Rouge.

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