## What is Bloomsday?

Bloomsday celebrates Thursday, June 16, 1904, the day depicted in James Joyce's novel Ulysses. Famous for its innovative style, stream of consciousness technique, and extremely frank, very amusing, and often controversial language, Ulysses takes us through a day in the life of Leopold Bloom, an Irish Jew.

We are the largest Bloomsday festival in Canada with event-filled days that stretch over an entire week. We bring down the curtain on Bloomsday itself — June 16. Over the years, festival-goers have come to enjoy an expanding variety of educational, cultural, and social events.

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- More events in more locations.
- · Varied expert speakers, performers and writers.
- Community-building and education.

#### Volunteer

In 2016, volunteers gave 1,650 hours of their time to organize, communicate and provide the technical support we needed to plan the Festival and make sure it ran smoothly.

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## FESTIVAL BLOOMSDAY MONTRÉAL

Everyone's Joyce La Culture irlandaise à Montréal

## Saturday, June 10

**Walking Tour:** The History of the Irish in Montreal. Starts at the Old Dublin Pub, 636 Cathcart Street. 10 am to 12 pm. Led by Donovan King. \$15.

**Festival Opener & Reception:** Special guest speakers, finger food, and live music by The Bombadils. Palco Bar, 4019 Wellington Street, Verdun, Metro De l'Église. 4 pm to 7 pm. See the welcome videos from the city of Dublin. Free!

## Sunday, June 11

**Bloomsday Brunch:** Evoo Restaurant, 3426 Notre-Dame Street. **Note time change: 9 am to 11 am.** Call for reservations at 514-846-3886. The real Irish thing!

#### **Molly Bloom Soliloquy & Pub Quiz:**

With Kathleen Fee as Molly and quizmaster Charlie O'Keefe. Irish Embassy Pub, 1234 Bishop Street. 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. \$10.

## Monday, June 12

**Academic Panels:** Featuring Denis Sampson's book, "The Found Voice" as well as student academic panels. Presentations in French and English at Concordia University, Hall Building, 10<sup>th</sup> floor, 1455 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West. 11 am to 3 pm. Free!

# **Bloomsday Community Cultural Exhibit:** With live music by The Bombadils. McKibbin's Irish Pub, 1426 Bishop Street, 3rd floor. 5 pm to 9 pm. Free!

## Tuesday, June 13

**Film Night:** screening of **Shem the Penman Sings Again**, directed by Pádraig Trehy. With additional short films. De Sève Cinéma, 1400 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West. 7 pm to 9 pm. \$10.

**An Irish Story:** A night of storytelling and poetry. Readings with special guest hosts and artists as well as an open mic portion to bring out your inner Irish poet! Kafein Cafe-bar, 1429 Bishop Street. 9 pm to 12 am. Free!

## Wednesday, June 14

"Introducing Mr. Joyce's Ulysses": A talk by Dr. Michael Kenneally, Principal of Concordia's Canadian School of Irish studies. Followed by a reception with honoured guest, the newly-appointed Irish Ambassador to Canada, Jim Kelly. Jewish Public Library, 5151 Côte Ste. Catherine Road. 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. \$15.

**Community Pub Quiz:** Hosted by the Montreal Shamrocks. Special prize for pub-quiz team winners! Hurley's Irish Pub, 1225 Crescent Street. 8 pm to 12 am. \$10.

## Thursday, June 15

**Growing Up Irish:** Master storytellers Jan Gregory and Margaret Nicolai and actor Clive Brewer join pianist Natalia Davydova and soprano Kathleen McAuliffe for a lunch hour of story and music. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Avenue. 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Free!

**Concert Night:** Music by the Bluegrazzers (Celtic/folk/bluegrass.) Hurley's Irish Pub, 1225 Crescent Street. Doors open at 8 pm; show starts at 8:30 pm. Free!

### Friday, June 16

**Festival Highlight: Bloomsday Readings** from **Ulysses** dramatized by local actors and fans of Joyce. Theme this year: **Voices.** Westmount Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West. 11 am to 3 pm. Bring your lunch! Free!

Closing Event: Come Into The Parlour Bloomsday Tea and performance of Growing Up Irish. Westmount Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West. 3:30 pm to 5 pm. Free!

#### NOTE: Events may be subject to change



Registration opens May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 www.bloomsdaymontreal.com

Register soon - spaces are limited!

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