

Together, Kate Corkery and Winston Nzinga have created a unique Irish/Jamaican duo of storytelling and music which they call Spud & Yam. They specialise in developing material which is both educational and entertaining and have pioneered several multicultural and award-winning projects in London schools. Look out during this year's festival for Spud & Yam moments as well as individual performances by Kate and Winston!

***Spud & Yam**

Pat Speight is one of Ireland's best known storytellers. He lives in Cork, where he is a member of the local Yarnspinning group. He is a founder member of Storytellers of Ireland/Aos Scéal Éireann. Pat specialises in traditional Irish tales and folk tales from the fireplaces of Ireland. He has stories to make you laugh, cry and to scare and cheer, stories about animals and birds, kings and warriors, saints and sinners, witches and magicians, pickpockets and ghosts, fairies and mermaids and mythical, mystical characters that inspire and captivate the imagination.

Pat Speight



Winston Nzinga is an accomplished African Caribbean percussionist, dancer, singer, teacher and storyteller. He has worked and performed extensively in the UK, Africa and the Caribbean. His interest in percussive music began at the age of 12. One connection led to another, furthering his percussive skills and knowledge of northern Ghanaian music and dance. He developed his educational work in the 1980s and was invited to Ireland to advise the Irish Government on African arts, as well as to train an African-based Irish artist. Since 1988, Winston has been involved in multicultural arts education and has advised Arts Council of England on policies for its multicultural projects. He has toured in Ireland and has performed at the Scottish International Storytelling Festival on several occasions.

***Winston Nzinga**



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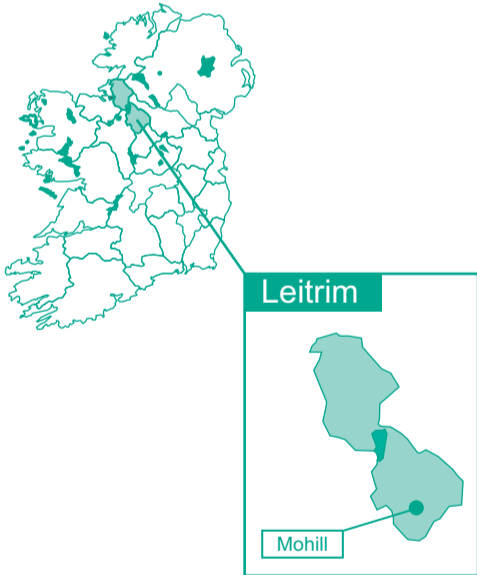
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Born in Co Carlow, Aideen learned her love for stories from her father Jack, who, now in retirement, is also telling stories. As a teacher, Aideen learned the importance of stories in promoting self esteem and in 'opening doors'. She tells stories in a range of venues such as schools, libraries and Senior Citizen centres and has performed at many festivals (Cultra Storytelling Festival, Cape Clear International Storytelling Festival, Ballinastoe, Electric Pencil) and worked on story-collecting projects - 'The Grassly Margins' with St Catherine's Traveller Centre Carlow; 'Scéal Síme; and 'Taking the Wise Man & Other Stories', a collection of international traditional tales collected through SPIRASI. She has also been part of several school initiatives in Dublin. Aideen tells stories and facilitates workshops in English and Gaelic.

Aideen McBride



Kate Corkery, originally from Passage West in Cork, is based in London. She is the Resident Storyteller at the Hammersmith Irish Centre. After studying languages at university, she travelled and taught in Europe and East Africa, then worked as an actress in London in Theatre Education. She joined the international storytelling company, Common Lore, in 1988, telling stories in schools, libraries and theatres in the UK and Europe, drawing on her Irish heritage as well as African and European sources, developing along the way a rich and varied repertoire to suit all ages. She can memorably deliver a ghost story like few others in these islands. She is now highly regarded for her skill and style and she has a presence which delights and inspires listeners wherever she goes.

***Kate Corkery**



Gian, from Italy, is a fervent follower of Celtic culture and has studied Irish flute with various Irish teachers. He draws inspiration from the poetry of the ancient bards and has produced four poetical-musical works (book and CD) and one CD with the English harper Steve Haggerty. He lives at present in Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim. He presents his work with Kitia Benedetti, also from Italy, who worked in theatre as actress, director, playwright, artistic director and trainer from 1989 till 2005, when she came in contact with Irish music and Celtic culture and decided to move to Ireland.

Gian Castello



11th Mohill Storytelling FESTIVAL

Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th
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Mohill Storytelling Festival

Friday 23rd October

8.30pm Official Opening Storytelling Concert in *The Canon Donoghue Hall, Mohill*, with **Gian Castello & Kitia Benedetti, Kate Corkery, Aideen McBride, Winston Nzinga & Pat Speight**. Admission by donation.

Saturday 24th October

10-11am Storytelling for children aged 5-8 in *Mohill Library* with **Aideen McBride and Spud & Yam**

11.30am-12.30pm Storytelling for children aged 8 and over in *Mohill Library* with **Aideen McBride & Spud & Yam**

11am-1pm Adults Storytelling Skills Workshop in *Canon Donoghue Hall* with **Pat Speight**

2-5pm Different Views/Viewing Difference
Exhibition of photographic portraits of women with and without disabilities from north and south of the Border. *Action Ability Centre (LAPWD HQ), Station Road, Mohill.*

2.30-4pm Guided tour of Lough Rynn Castle & Gardens with **John O Driscoll & Fiona Slevin**. Join us for an informative & entertaining stroll in a delightful historic setting. Meet in Hotel Car Park at 2.15 pm.

2.30pm Storytellers visit *Arus Carolan Nursing Home, Mohill*

3.15pm Storytellers visit *Ashbrook House, Mohill*

3-4.30pm Stories round the Hearth in *Canon Donoghue Hall*. Come young & old to hear **Aideen McBride, Spud & Yam & Pat Speight**. Admission by donation.

9pm Storytelling concert in *Lough Rynn Castle Hotel, near Mohill*, featuring our guest tellers, **Gian Castello, Kitia Benedetti, Kate Corkery, Aideen McBride, Winston Nzinga & Pat Speight**. An evening of storytelling, music & song in the luxurious Baronial Hall. Admission €15.

Sunday 25th October

10.30 - 11.30am Children's Storytelling Workshop in *the Canon Donoghue Hall* with **Kate Corkery & Winston Nzinga**. Suitable for children aged between 9 and 12 to learn some storytelling skills.

11am Storytellers visit *Lakeview Nursing Home, Mohill*

12noon Mohill Horse Fair
Third annual Mohill Horse Fair, a revival of the ancient tradition of horse-trading in Mohill. Events all afternoon in the town centre.

12noon - 1.30pm Storyswap in *the Canon Donoghue Hall*. An open session for adults and children to join us for an opportunity to sit in the 'hot seat' and take a turn to tell a story. Admission by donation.

2-5pm Different Views/Viewing Difference
Exhibition of photographic portraits of women with and without disabilities from north and south of the Border. *Action Ability Centre (LAPWD HQ), Station Road, Mohill.*

2-3pm Stories for the Road
Closing Storytelling Session in *the Canon Donoghue Hall*. Join us for the final story contributions from our guests. For adults and children. Admission by donation.

*Before the Weekend...
special storytelling sessions for local groups*

Wednesday 21 October

Storyteller **Susie Minto** will visit...

3pm Mohill Active Age & Carers Group in *The Canon Donoghue Hall*

4.15- 4.45pm Mohill Afterschool Club

7-9pm LAPWD Open House
Featuring Scéalta Saoil Writers' Group from Mohill and Women Independently Living in Leitrim (WILL), Action Ability Centre (LAPWD HQ), Station Road, Mohill. Admission by donation.
The Writers' Group present readings and tellings of stories old and new. Come with a story of your own or come to listen... Light refreshments will be served.
Also launch of WILL exhibition of photographic portraits of women with and without disabilities from north and south of the Border, part of the "Different Views/Viewing Difference" cross-border project. The portraits will be on show throughout the Festival at the Action Ability Centre.

Thursday 22 October

Storyteller **Aideen McBride** will visit...

9.30-10.30am Mohill Community College

11am The Hunt School, Mohill

4.15- 4.45pm Mohill Afterschool Club

7pm Mohill Youth Group in *The Canon Donoghue Hall*

Friday 23 October

Storyteller **Aideen McBride** will visit...

9.30am St Manachan's School, Mohill

