

PRESS RELEASE

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PENTAMETERS THEATRE

Jehane Markham is poet in residence at *Camden New Journal*. She co-wrote a tribute album to the actor Roger Lloyd Pack, *Sixteen Sunsets*, which was launched at Map Studio Cafe, Kentish Town, in 2015. She ran poetry workshops for two years at The Chocolate Factory in Wood Green as part of the Haringey Literature Live programme and now runs monthly workshops in North Norfolk. She has four chap-book collections of poetry and two CD's of poetry and jazz with the Jehane Markham Trio.

London-born **Donald Gardner** is a poet and translator who has lived much of his life abroad. Currently he divides his time between Amsterdam and Kildare, Ireland. His first poem was published in *The Paris Review* in 1963. 'Early Morning' (Grey Suit editions, 2017) is his ninth collection. Other recent books include 'The Wolf Inside' and 'The Glittering Sea, both by Hearing Eye press. His selection of Remco Campert's poetry, 'In those Days' (Shoestring Press, 2014) was awarded the Vondel Prize for Literary Translation. He is a very popular reader of his own work in venues from New York to Berlin. 'Donald Gardner's work is light but not trivial; clear but technically subtle and eloquent. His poetry captures his images in few words: sharply, precisely.' Leah Fritz on 'The Wolf Inside' (London Grip online magazine).

Mary O'Donnell is the author of fourteen books, both poetry and fiction, including her most recent critically acclaimed seventh collection, *Those April Fevers*, Arc 2015. Her essays on contemporary literary issues are widely published. She also presented and scripted three series of poetry programmes for the national broadcaster RTE Radio, including a successful series on poetry in translation during 2005 and 2006 called 'Crossing the Lines'. Today, she teaches creative writing in a part time capacity at Galway University. She has worked on the faculty of Carlow University Pittsburgh's MFA programme in creative writing for eleven years, as well as on the faculty of the University of Iowa's summer writing programme at Trinity College Dublin. She serves on the board of the Irish Writers Centre, is a member of Ireland's artists' organisation Aosdana (pron. *Ace-dawna*) and lives in in County Kildare.