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Scientific Evening Talk

Tuesday, 27 October 2015

Magnus-Haus Berlin, Am Kupfergraben 7, 10117 Berlin

Dr. Iggy McGovern

Fellow Emeritus in Physics, Trinity College, Dublin

William Rowan Hamilton's Mystic Dream of 4

The discussion will be chaired by

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Eberhardt

Scientific Director of the Magnus-Haus Berlin

'Nachsitzung' with food and drinks in the 'Remise' sponsored by the WE-Heraeus-Foundation.

To attend the Scientific Evening Talk please register:

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Abstract

A Mystic Dream of 4 is the title of Iggy McGovern's sonnet sequence based on the life of 19th century Irish mathematician William Rowan Hamilton (of Hamiltonian fame). It comprises 64 sonnets in the voices (largely) of his contemporaries, viz family, friends, colleagues and others representative of Irish social, religious and political life. In this event a selection of 12 sonnets will be read by volunteers, interspersed with a linking commentary by the author, and leavened with the music of celebrated Irish pianist Grainne Dunne.

Dr. Iggy McGovern

is Fellow Emeritus in Physics at Trinity College Dublin. He has published two collections of poetry with Dedalus Press, *The King of Suburbia* (2005) and *Safe House* (2010). Honours include the Hennessy Literary Award for Poetry and the Glen Dimplex New Writers Award for Poetry. He edited the anthology *20|12: Twenty Irish Poets Respond to Science in Twelve Lines* (Dedalus / Quaternia Press 2012). His latest publication is *A Mystic Dream of 4* (Quaternia Press 2013).

Grainne Dunne

studied with John O'Connor at the (now) DIT Conservatory of Music and subsequently at the RIAM. She pursued her studies at the Guildhall school of Music and Drama London, at the University of Music, Theater and Media Hanover Germany and at the Mozarteum Salzburg. She currently teaches Lied and Vocal Repertoire at the Universities of Music in Hanover and Hamburg. She has given concerts throughout Europe, in China and in the USA. Her Lied CD was awarded the Supersonic Prize from the music magazine "Pizzicato" in 2011.