



**Scripts Ireland's Playwriting Festival** is dedicated to the development and nurturing of new Irish plays. On the Festival's first outing in 2013 Birr Theatre & Art's Centre played host to an ensemble of playwrights, producers, actors and directors, all working towards one goal - to produce 7 outstanding new Irish plays in 7 fun filled days!

Playwrights were mentored by Eugene O'Brien in an exciting developmental process which saw writers watch their plays moving from page to stage. One of the 7 plays was a Radio Play produced under the **Wild For The Wireless** section of the programme. Co produced with Midlands 103 Radio "*Meat and Blue Wicked*" by Gillian Greer has since won a prestigious Silver PPI Radio Award for Best Drama.

Taking inspiration from the success and excitement generated by the production of the radio play and subsequent PPI success, Scripts - Ireland's Playwriting Festival are now launching an entire new event dedicated to **WILD FOR THE WIRELESS**.

Playwrights are invited to submit 15 minute Radio Plays on the theme "**A Bump In The Road**" for selection. A number of Playwrights will be selected to take part in a developmental process under the guidance of Mentor, Eugene O'Brien, where they will have the opportunity to develop and fine tune their scripts over a three day process.

Final drafts of the plays will then be performed as rehearsed readings for a live audience at Birr Theatre & Art's Centre on Saturday 17th January 2015 at 8 pm. The final selection will then be chosen by the judging panel to be produced and recorded by Scripts in 2015.

- Deadline for Submissions: To enter a play for selection, plays must be emailed as attachments to [submissions.scripts@gmail.com](mailto:submissions.scripts@gmail.com) by **5p.m. December 8th 2014**. Alternatively, hard copies can be posted to Scripts c/o Birr Theatre & Art's Centre, Oxmantown Hall, Birr, Co. Offaly.
- Plays must be no longer than **15 minutes** in running time and must be in the format of a radio play.
- Plays must be on the **theme** " A Bump In The Road"
- Plays must have between **1 - 3 characters**
- Playwrights **name** and contact details must **not appear** on the script itself but should be on a separate cover page.
- Playwrights who wish to enter plays must be available to travel to **Birr** to participate in the developmental process from **January 15th to 17th 2015**.

*Scripts – Ireland's Playwriting Festival is co-produced by Birr Theatre & Art's Centre and Jasango Theatre and is supported by Offaly County Council.*