



Join us for this exploration of the contribution that the Le Fanu family made to literature, history and culture.

Few recognise the deep connections between the Le Fanu family and the village of Abington in Murroe, County Limerick. In showcasing the Gothic Imagination, we look to both the lives of the Le Fanu family in Abington in the 1800s and to the architectural stylising of the time.

As the most well known of the Limerick Le Fanu family, some of this years festival will focus on the writings of Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu.

We look at his novels and stories, written in the gothic genre, full of ghostly and mysterious happenings, and on their impact to this day.

From one of J Sheridan Le Fanu's ballads, we introduce a musical performance of an almost forgotten piece which was set to music by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford.

A glimpse into the cultural, political and social aspects of living in Abington at that time, paint a picture of how the Le Fanu's experienced life while living and working in this County Limerick village.



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Saturday
30TH OCT 2021

*Saint John and Saint Ailbe's Church,
Abington, Murroe, Co. Limerick
V94 N230*

The inaugural Le Fanu Festival

*Celebrating the
Gothic Imagination*





Programme

10.00am Start
12pm to 1pm Lunch
4.00pm Close



Contributors

SPEAKERS

Professor Claire Connolly

'Uncle Silas - An Irish Novel?'
Professor of Modern English at University
College Cork

Dr John Logan

Home Schooling - the Le Fanu family 1800-1830
A retired senior lecturer and Honorary Member,
Department of History, University of Limerick.

David McBurnie and Gráinne Keyes

Early Years in Abington 1826-1832
Cultural historians with an emphasis on Murroe
and environs.

Dr Christina Morin

'Posterity doesn't care, I should know; I live in it':
Le Fanu and his legacy in the 21st Century.
Head of English at University of Limerick, School
of English, Irish, and Communication.

Dominic Stevens

"When Love and Skill Work Together, Expect a
Masterpiece"
Director of JFOC Architects and lecturer at the
School of Architecture, TUD. Dominic is the lead
on the restoration works of Joseph Sheridan Le
Fanu's family home in Chapelizod, Dublin.

MUSIC

'The Ballad of Shamus O'Brien'

Written by J S Le Fanu and set to music by
Sir C V Stanford.

Ms Janet Woods

A professional soprano, and teacher, based
in Limerick.

Ms Irina Dernova

Accompanist studied in Vyatka College of
Arts and Nizhny Novgorod Glinka State
Conservatoire.

FESTIVAL

ORGANISERS:

*Dr Gráinne Walshe, Julie Long
and Emma Gilleece*

