

A man in a light blue shirt and dark trousers stands on a rocky shore, holding a blue and white striped umbrella. He is looking out over a vast blue ocean under a sky filled with white and grey clouds. The sun is reflecting off the water's surface, creating a shimmering effect. The foreground is composed of dark, jagged rocks.

Donegal,  
Here I Come!  
*4th Lughnasa*  
Frielfest  
9–18 August  
2019

*From its first edition in 2015, the Lughnasa Frielfest has made a point of crossing the borders between the Republic and Northern Ireland, the first large-scale arts festival to do so... it's a poignant experience to slip seamlessly from one part of Ireland to another.* THE OBSERVER



**Faith Healer** by Brian Friel  
Promenade readings in West Donegal

August 9-11

Patrick Bergin (Frank), Dearbhla Molloy (Grace)

Robert Glenister (Teddy)

August 16-18

Paul McGann (Frank), Amelia Bullmore (Grace)

Pearse Quigley (Teddy)

August 9 & 16, 5pm; August 10 & 17, 4pm;

August 11 & 18, 3pm

Duration: 4.5-5hrs with bus journey to village  
halls & interval picnic

Bus Departs The Market Hall, Glenties

Tickets: €30 (incl interval barbecue picnic)

Brian Friel's monologue masterpiece in four acts is an exploration of truth, lies and the mystery of inspiration. One story, three storytellers, four monologues, each actor offers his or her interpretation of their role. The first three acts take place in different village halls - Edininfagh (Frank), Portnoo (Grace), Ardara (Teddy). The 4th act is held in the ballroom of the Highlands Hotel in Glenties, the town where Brian Friel once summer-holidayed as a child and is now buried.

**The Yalta Game** by Brian Friel

A Rehearsed Reading

Marie Mullen and Sean McGinley

August 16 & 17 - 7.30pm

August 17 & 18 - 3pm

*The Yalta Game* is based on the Anton Chekhov short story *The Lady with the Little Dog*. Like that story, Friel's play is set in Yalta, a Black Sea resort for summering Muscovites. In the festival's rehearsed reading, Merville stands in for Yalta - both are seaside resorts with waterside promenades for strolling, both former ports and fishing settlements. Where Chekhov looked out from his house in Yalta across the Black Sea to Turkey, Friel wrote *The Yalta Game* just a few kilometres from Merville looking across to Northern Ireland.

For further details and bookings

[www.artsoverborders.com](http://www.artsoverborders.com)

**Homer by the Sea**

The Odyssey - beach readings  
between the tides, with live music

August 15, 5pm

Cathy Tyson - Kilahoe Beach,  
Dunfanaghy North Donegal

August 16, 5.30pm

Cathy Tyson - Culdaff Beach, Inishowen

August 17, 5pm

Greta Scacchi - Downhill Beach,  
The Causeway Coast, Northern Ireland  
(Supported by Tourism NI)

August 18, 5.30pm

Greta Scacchi - Rathmullan Beach,  
Fanad Peninsula

Duration 1 hr, seated

Tickets: €15

Celebrating Brian Friel's passion for all things Homeric and transposing the story from Greece to Europe's Western edge the festival presents readings from Homer's great epic of voyage, shipwreck and homecoming across beaches on the Donegal Wild Atlantic Way and Derry Causeway Coast.

Further details on website for Odyssey Readings