



University of the Third Age, Timaru

Series 1, 2019

UNEXPECTED ASPECTS OF CULTURE

Organised by Jill Clarke and Solome Mair.

U3A lectures are for members only.

25 February **Unexpected Moments in Composers' Lives** *Professor John Drummond*

Many famous composers had their lives (personal and professional) turned around by unexpected events. We owe the existence of many great pieces of music to chance encounters, remarkable recoveries from illness, accidents, surprises and unlikely turns of fate. In this talk John explores examples and, in some cases, wonders what might have happened if events had gone another way.

4 March **From "Wrecked on a Reef" (1870) to Jules Verne's "Mysterious Island" (1874).** *Christiane Mortelier*

François Raynal's "Les Naufragés" (translated as "Wrecked on a Reef") is a genuine story of shipwreck and twenty months survival on Auckland Island in 1864-65. It directly inspired Jules Verne's famous utopia "Mysterious Island" (1874) which explores how 19th century scientific knowledge can ensure survival on a desert island without loss of human values.

11 March **The Power of Music for a Healthy Brain** *Professor Warren Tate*

Neuroscience is just starting to understand how the human brain processes music - both tunes and lyrics - and what parts of the brain are engaged when listening to or performing music in all forms and at all stages of our life. The power of music therapy has been appreciated but it has been underutilised for its healing powers for the aged and for those with neurological degenerative disorders.

18 March **"Small spaces of silence in between borrowed breaths": The Culture of Poetry in Ireland** *Dr Majella Cullinane*

Why are there so many poets in Ireland? What is it about Ireland and Irish culture that inspires many Irish to write, and to write poetry in particular? The first part of my talk will examine the history and culture of poetry in Ireland, and then I will discuss how it was that I came to poetry, and how living in New Zealand has influenced my writing. I will finish by reading a few poems from my recent poetry collection "Whisper of a Crow's Wing" (Otago University Press and Salmon Poetry Ireland, 2018).

Series 2: Aspects of Law	April 8, 15, 29, May 6
Series 3: Viewpoint	May 20, 27, June 10, 17, 24
Series 4: Aspects of Religion	July 15, 22, 29, August 5
Series 5: Physics is Everywhere	August 26, September 2, 9, 16
Series 6: International Perspectives and Experiences	October 7, 14, 21, November 4

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MEETINGS

West End Hall, 35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.

Lectures commence at 1.30 pm and conclude about 2.30 pm with questions to follow.

Coffee/tea will be available after the meeting at no cost.

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Wear your name tag	No talking during lectures
Be seated by 1.20 pm	Wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions
Turn your cell phone off	Stand when asking a question and wait for the microphone

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