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SELF-OBSSESSED, DIFFICULT AND OFTEN DRUNK: A BLOOMSDAY EVENT AT THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

San Diego Participates in a World-wide Celebration of James Joyce

SAN DIEGO –San Diego Public Library will host a Bloomsday celebration of James Joyce, covering his early work through the culmination of his genius, featuring selected readings, notations, and memories from his circle of contemporaries at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common in the Popular Library (Lobby level), located at 330 Park Boulevard, in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

Considered among the most important and advanced writers of the 20th century, James Joyce is celebrated annually in cities around the world, including Sydney, London, Shanghai, New York, and, of course, Dublin, on Bloomsday, June 16. Lovers of Joyce's masterful *Ulysses* recount activities of the novel's main character, Leopold Bloom, through a world of pubs, shops, churches and urban street life in Dublin; the novel is set on this particular date in 1904. Commemoration activities include readings, dramatizations, pub crawls, Broadway performances, and street festivals. For more on Bloomsday, visit the James Joyce Centre's website: <http://jamesjoyce.ie/bloomsday/what-is-bloomsday/>.

The San Diego event will feature commentary by Jerry O'Connell and dramatic readings by actors O. P. Hadlock and Sandy Hotchkiss, celebrating James Joyce's artistic development by highlighting such works as *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, *The Dubliners*, *Ulysses*, and, finally, *Finnegans Wake*.

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Literary critic, author, journalist, and Joycean **Jerry O’Connell** has had extensive access to family members, patrons, and others who were close to James Joyce. **O.P. Hadlock**, with over 400 production credits in almost every aspect of theatre, brings a unique array of experience to any theatrical endeavor. He earned a B.A. in Acting/ Directing and a M.A. in Scenic/Lighting Design from California State University, Long Beach. O.P. lists over 40 acting performances in a vast array of roles as well as a background in dance both on stage and television. **Sandy Hotchkiss** is a co-founder of the Talent To aMuse Theatre Company, as well as having been co-founder and co-director of the Wisconsin Theatre for Children, Inc. where she wrote, produced, and performed throughout the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota for eight years. Hotchkiss’ resume includes numerous acting and directing credits.

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