

# SWISS RELATED EVENTS IN IRELAND

March 2026



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## Francophonie Festival



1 - 31 MARCH 2026

Cinéma/Film  
Livres/Literature  
Débats/Debates  
Concours/  
Competitions  
& more

Year 2026 marks the 30th anniversary of Switzerland's accession to the **Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)**. The Embassy of Switzerland in Ireland celebrates this milestone through active participation in the various cultural, educational and literary events taking place throughout March across Ireland in the framework of the **Francophonie Festival**. By actively contributing to the Francophonie Festival in Ireland, Switzerland reaffirms its role as an engaged member of the OIF and its strong belief that cultural diversity, cooperation and dialogue are key drivers of peace, stability and mutual understanding.

Check out: [Programme Francophonie 2026](#)

## Swiss events @ Francophonie Festival

### FILMS

37th Cork  
**FRENCH**  
Film Festival  
March 2nd - 8th 2026

#### **Mary Anning, chasseuse de fossiles**

**Date & Time:** Sunday 8th March at 2.00pm, The Arc Cinema

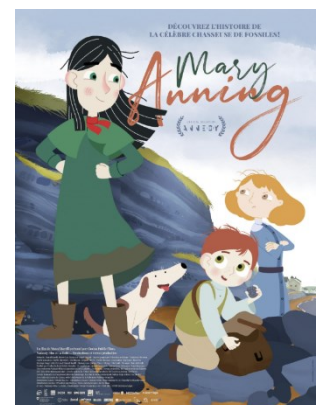
**Details:** Directed by Marcel Barelli / Switzerland / 2025 / 72 mins / Animation.

Screened with the support of the Embassy of Switzerland in Ireland.

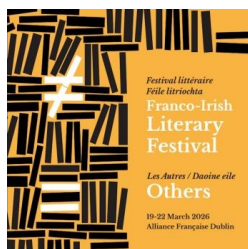
In 1811, Mary Anning, an inquisitive and tenacious twelve-year-old girl, spends her days searching for fossils. Her father passed on this passion to her, but her life suddenly changes when he disappears, leaving behind a mysterious drawing and a struggling family. Determined to help her mother and brother, Mary tries to uncover the secret of the drawing. She will discover so much more than just fossils: friendships, adventures, and the very start of paleontology.

#### [Trailer](#)

Discover the full programme: [corkfrenchfilmfestival.com](http://corkfrenchfilmfestival.com)



## LITERATURE



### Rinny Gremaud @ Franco - Irish Literary Festival 2026

LES AUTRES – OTHERS – DAOINE EILE (19-22 March)  
Alliance Française, 1 Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Admission free for all events.

No booking required – first come/first served basis.

### Soirée Littéraire, *Literary evening with 1<sup>st</sup> pages reading.*

**Date & Time:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm to 8.30pm

**Moderators:** Éamon Ó'Ciosáin et Jean-Philippe Imbert

**Guests:** Adeline Baldacchino, Baptiste Beaulieu, Rachid Benzine, Fanny Britt, Cúan de Burca, Mary Costello, Wendy Erskine, **Rinny Gremaud**, Ailbhe Ní Ghearbhuigh, Marie Ndiaye, Mark O'Connell, Bernard Phelan, Cécile Tlili, Paul Murray et Olivier Norek.

### Panel discussion : *Family*

**Date & Time:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 3pm to 4pm.

**Topic:** What family tells us about ourselves and how we imagine our own family history. How literature reveals the strength and the complexity, as well as the unreliability, of the lived or imagined experience of family ties.

**Guests:** Marie Ndiaye, **Rinny Gremaud**, Paul Murray

**Moderator:** Síofra Pierse

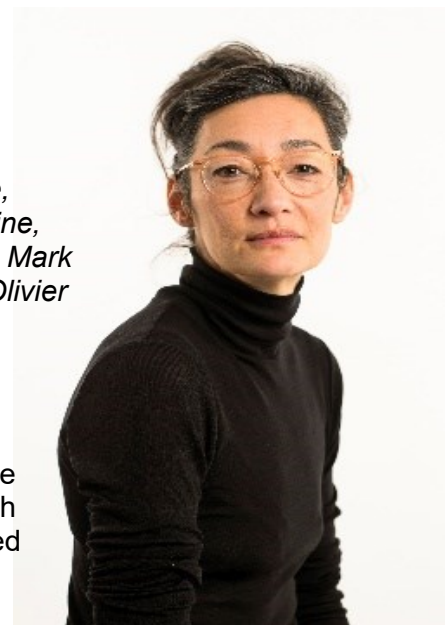


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**Rinny Gremaud** is a Korean-Swiss author and journalist, born in Busan / South Korea in 1977. She moved to Switzerland as a child and now lives in Lausanne, working for Le Temps and RTS. She is known for her insightful non-fiction about globalization. Her works include *Un monde en toc* (All the World's a Mall) and her acclaimed debut novel *Generator*, a fictionalized search for her absent nuclear engineer father, exploring identity and origins through global nuclear power sites. She will present this novel at the Irish Literary Festival.

### Ireland Francophonie Ambassadors' Literary Award 2026



*The Boy from the Sea* by Garrett Carr (*Le garçon venu de la mer* (Éditions Gallmeister, August 2025), translated by Pierre Bondil

The Francophonie Ambassadors' Literary Award 2026 has been presented to *The Boy from the Sea* by Garrett Carr (*Le garçon venu de la mer* (Éditions Gallmeister, August 2025), translated by Pierre Bondil), as the winner of the 2026 Award. The novel about family relations in a remoted fishermen village in Donegal was recognised for its evocative storytelling and emotional depth. The award not only celebrates the vitality of contemporary Irish literature but also emphasizes the essential role played by translators in fostering dialogue within the Francophone world.

## MUSIC

### **Kildare Jazz Festival**

27-29 March 2026

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge, Co. Kildare



At this year's Kildare Jazz Festival, do not miss a rare chance to catch a concert by award-winning vocalist, pianist, songwriter, and composer **Yumi Ito** on **Saturday, 28 March.**

Known for her unique voice, the Basel-based musician **Yomi Ito** moves seamlessly between jazz, art-pop, and neo-classical soundscapes. For this performance, the talented Swiss-Polish-Japanese musician will present her new solo album "Lonely Island". The album features intimate reinterpretations of her past works, offering a raw and personal exploration of sound.

<https://www.riverbank.ie/events/>

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### **RUSALKA – Dvořák**

A co-production with Royal Swedish Opera and Nouvel Opéra Fribourg

**IRISH NATIONAL OPERA**

**Bord Gáis Energy Theatre - 22-28 March 2026**



**A love that defies nature. A sacrifice that defies reason.**

Driven by her consuming love for a human prince, water nymph Rusalka abandons her realm to navigate his mortal world. A tale of longing, transformation and the high cost of desire, Dvořák's rich, lyrical score brings this darkly poetic fairy tale to life with the iconic "Song to the Moon" at its heart.

Further information and booking: [Irish National Opera](#)

*Rusalka* is sung in Czech with English surtitles.



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