



HIGHFIELD HALL & Gardens

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Highfield Hall & Gardens Virtual Supper Club series hosts

Ruairi McKiernan Author of
An Irish Times No. 1 Bestseller
Hitching for Hope

April 22, 2021 | 6 pm – 7:30 pm

(Falmouth, Massachusetts): Highfield Hall & Gardens is pleased to announce Ruairi McKiernan, Ireland's best-selling author of Hitching for Hope for the Highfield Supper Club Series next installment.

Following the collapse of Ireland's Celtic Tiger economy, Ruairí McKiernan questions whether he should join the mounting number of emigrants searching for greater opportunity elsewhere. McKiernan embarks on a hitchhiking odyssey with no money, no itinerary, and no idea where he might end up each night. His mission: to give voice to those emerging from one of the most painful periods of economic and social turmoil in Ireland's history. Engaging, provocative, and sincere, Hitching for Hope is a testimony to the spirit of Ireland.

Ruairí McKiernan is an award-winning social innovator, campaigner, consultant, writer and speaker named as one of the top 10 people leading social change in Ireland by global social entrepreneurs organization, **Ashoka**. He is a Fulbright scholar, a Presidential appointee to Ireland's Council of State (2012-2019) and a recipient of numerous awards, including a Social Entrepreneurs Ireland award. Ruairí is a business graduate with almost 20 year's experience in the areas of social innovation and community development. This includes his work as founder of the pioneering SpunOut.ie youth organization, which

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he started at the age of 25 and led for eight years as CEO, raising millions of euro, building a nationwide team of staff and volunteers, and championing young people's wellbeing across society.

Dinner is catered by Quicks Hole Tavern, Woods Hole, MA. This delectable meal will be delivered to you, with reheating instructions. Guests will be provided with a three-course and menu options will be sent the week prior.

About Highfield Hall & Gardens Supper Clubs

Each Virtual Dinner Party will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will last approximately 60 – 90 minutes.

One week prior to the event, you will receive a menu to choose your meal options. Your dinner and gift bag will arrive at your home prior to the start of the dinner party between 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Your gift bag will include preparation instructions for your meal, Zoom instructions to participate online, an evening program, a special gift relevant to the evening.

Tickets are \$125.00 per person with a three-course meal, gift, and centerpiece, and \$60.00 per person for the link only, gift and centerpiece.

To have your meal delivered, you must be within a 20-mile radius of Falmouth.

If you would like to participate in the event without receiving a meal, we are offering a discounted ticket price. If you would like to sign up for multiple dates, please email [Lisa Walker](mailto:Lisa.Walker@highfieldhall.org) for special discounted series subscription rates.

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About Highfield Hall & Gardens

The house is a rare surviving example of transitional Stick Style architecture, containing beautiful gardens located in the heart of Falmouth, Massachusetts. It is a unique combination of a historic house, expansive gardens and trails, and a vibrant cultural center. Built in 1878 as the summer home for Boston's Beebe family, the house sits on 5.5 pristine acres surrounded by nearly 400 acres of conservation land and public walking trails. Highfield Hall & Gardens is not your typical historic estate. It is an example of a historic building saved by grassroots community organizing. An effort of tenacity and vision that continues as new research on the structure and its story of the people who lived here add to

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the building's significance. It offers world-class music, international art exhibitions, culinary classes, family programs, and year-round special events.

For more information, visit highfieldhallandgardens.org.

Mission

Highfield Hall & Gardens' mission is to honor the beauty and historic significance of the house and grounds by providing high-quality artistic, cultural, and educational programs for the enrichment of our community and visitors of all ages.

Gallery Hours:

Highfield Hall will follow health safety protocols by restricting the number of people in the gallery at one time.

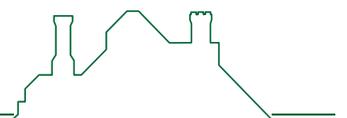
The Gallery is now open Wednesday – Friday; 10 am – 4 pm & Saturday; 10 am – 2 pm

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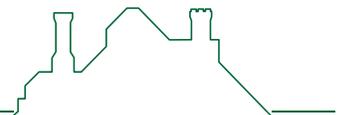
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