



Louis de Paor

Born in Cork in 1961, Louis de Paor has been involved with the contemporary renaissance of poetry in Irish since 1980 when he was first published in the poetry journal *Innti* which he subsequently edited for a time.

A four times winner of the Seán Ó Ríordáin/Oireachtas Award, the premier award for a new collection of poems in Irish, he lived in Australia from 1987 to 1996. His first bilingual collection, *Aimsir Bhreicneach/Freckled Weather* was shortlisted for the Victorian Premier's Award for Literary Translation. He was also granted a Writer's Fellowship by the Australia Council in 1995. He is the recipient of the Lawrence O'Shaughnessy Award 2000, the first poet in Irish to achieve that distinction. His most recent collection *agus rud eile de*, published by Coiscéim in December 2002, was awarded the Oireachtas prize for the best collection of poems in Irish in 2003. A bilingual collection *Ag greadadh bas sa reilig/Clapping in the cemetery* was published by Cló Iar-Chonnachta in November 2005 and reprinted in March 2006.

The Gaelic Hit Factory, a collection of songs and poems in Irish composed and recorded with longtime collaborator John Spillane was released in October 2006. his latest collection is *Cúpla Siamach an Ama* (The Siamese Twins of Time) published by Coiscéim in December 2006.