

'Twinsome Minds' at Quinnipiac

NORTH HAVEN — "Twinsome Minds: Recovering 1916 in Images and Stories," which uses an interplay of storytelling, animations, music and poetry to interpret Dublin's Easter Rising for a new generation, will take place from 5-6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4, in the auditorium at the Center for Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences on Quinnipiac University's North Haven Campus, 370 Bassett Road.

"Twinsome Minds," a phrase from Finnegans Wake, features text by Richard Kearney and images by Sheila Gallagher. The per-

formance re-imagines a series of micro-narratives surrounding 1916 in Dublin and the World War I battlefields of Belgium.

The stories and images of eclipsed history concentrate on "twinned" pairs - family members, neighbors, school friends, lovers - who ended up on opposite sides during this time of great upheaval in British-Irish relations. The various scenes explore crossings of memory and imagination, anecdote and legend, history and myth, as well as loyalty and love. They are framed and retold by Kearney, a writer and philosopher, with screen projections by the artist, Gallagher, and original music score by Dana Lyn.

The year 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising in Ireland, a rebellion that changed the course of modern Ireland and led to its independence. The exhibit honors one of the most pivotal years in Irish history, when a small group of men and women in Dublin rebelled against the

British Empire.

The "Twinsome Minds," performance, which is free and open to the public, is one of several special events that are part of, "Remembering the Easter Rising in Ireland 1916 at Quinnipiac University." For more information, please call Ireland's Great Hunger Museum at Quinnipiac University at 203-582-6500.

Quinnipiac is home to Ireland's Great Hunger Museum, 3011 Whitney Ave., Hamden, which features the world's largest collection of visual art, artifacts and printed materials relating to the Irish Famine. The university also is home to Ireland's Great Hunger Institute, which uses lectures, conferences, courses and publications to offer a deeper understanding of the causes and consequences of the Irish Famine.