

Heinrich Böll Weekend

May 4th – May 6th 2018
Achill Island Ireland

Sunday May 6th

€20

20:00 *The Wonders of the Wake*: Stage event music recitals by **Kevin Toolis**.

Wavecrest Hotel

The Wonders of the Wake is a unique celebration of one of the oldest rites of humanity the Irish Wake in song, harp, keening, bardic poetry and story-telling. From the ancient Neolithic graves of Slievemore, to the plains of Troy and Homer's Iliad, to yesterday's funeral, the Irish Wake still teaches us all how to live, love and die. The Wonders of the Wake in music, song and word celebrates the craic, the joy, the prumsáí, and the haunting, lamenting keening of a traditional Irish Wake. The Wonders of the Wake is a collaboration between Kevin Toolis author of *My Father's Wake: How the Irish Teach us to Live, Love and Die* and renowned harpist Joleen McLaughlin of the Henry Girls and other artists, including, Mary Dillon and Tiona McSherry.

Kevin Toolis is a BAFTA winning filmmaker and author of *My Father's Wake: How the Irish Teach Us to Live, Love and Die*. He is the writer of an acclaimed chronicle of the Troubles *Rebel Hearts* and has written the London West End political satire *The Confessions of Gordon Brown*. His family have lived in Achill island for the last 200 years.