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Narrative 4 Presents a Night of Music and Literature at the University of Limerick featuring Maroon 5's Mickey Madden, Colm Mac Con Iomaire, Leah Siegel, Colum McCann, and other major artists

New York, NY/Limerick, Ireland: Four world-renowned musicians – Mickey Madden, Leah Siegel, David Gungor and Colm Mac Con Iomaire – will join literary luminaries Colum McCann, Christine Dwyer Hickey, Assaf Gavron, Ruth Gilligan, Ishmael Beah and Rob Spillman – for an evening of stories and song highlighting the global nonprofit, Narrative 4. The event will be moderated by N4 board members Tyler Cabot and Greg Khalil.

Scheduled as part of the Narrative 4 sixth annual global summit, the event will take place on Sunday, June 25th from 7pm to 9pm at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance (North Campus, University of Limerick). Tickets may be purchased for €10 at link: <http://bit.ly/2qXhm77>

Narrative 4 is a network of authors, educators, and students facilitating story exchanges to build empathy and spark collaborative change globally in classrooms, workplaces, and communities. Narrative 4's core methodology, the story exchange, asks participants to share each other's stories in the first person as if they were their own to promote empathy. Since it's founding, well over 25,000+ stories have been exchanged on four continents in Ireland, Mexico, Rwanda, Israel, South Africa, Palestine, England, Colombia, and the United States.

“Narrative 4 is based on the simple idea that by knowing the story of another, we are able to better understand each other,” said N4 co-founder and Executive Director Lisa Consiglio. “We are especially honored to have these superstars take the stage to not only share their art, but to be a part of the N4 family and share their *ideas*. They are inspirational models for our broader mission of encouraging students to turn empathy into action.”

International best-selling author and N4 co-founder Colum McCann explains, “this is key to understanding the hopes, fears, experiences, beliefs, and world-views of others. It offers opportunities to recognize emotion in others and suggests that individuals refrain from judgment. We ask people to feel *with and for* others.”

In April of 2016, Narrative 4 opened its first international center in Limerick, Ireland. “This is the second year we have chosen to hold our global summit in Ireland in order to highlight and celebrate the Limerick hub,” said Consiglio. “Ireland has given birth to some of the world's finest storytellers. As we move to support both global and local actions towards change, we are excited to strengthen our organizational mission in Ireland, especially in the incredible community of Limerick.”

Narrative 4's summit will take place June 23-27 on the campus of the University of Limerick. This year's theme, “Roadmaps for Action,” is designed to assist participants, as individuals and a group, to focus on creating concrete action steps to make change across their communities and around the world.

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Addendum

Mickey Madden

Bassist Michael "Mickey" Madden was born on May 13, 1979, in Austin, TX and is the lead singer of Maroon 5. Their debut album, the aptly titled *Songs About Jane*, was released in June 2002 and became certified platinum by 2004. Maroon 5 scored several hit singles, won two Grammy Awards, and have since released four additional studio albums: *It Won't Be Soon Before Long* (2007), *Hands All Over* (2010), *Overexposed* (2012) and *V* (2014).

Colm Mac Con Iomaire

Colm Mac Con Iomaire is an Irish musician from Blackrock, County Dublin. He was a founder member of Irish folk group Kíla in 1987, and has been a collaborator with the Frames and The Swell Season. Mac Con Iomaire's first solo album, *The Hare's Corner (Cúinne an Ghiorria)*, was released in 2008 and was nominated for a 2009 Meteor Award for Best Traditional/Folk Album. His second solo album, *And Now the Weather (Agus Anois an Aimsir)*, was released in April 2015.

Leah Siegel

Leah Siegel, is an American musician, singer, songwriter born in 1979. Siegel wrote an award-winning song for a Topsy Foundation commercial that won a Clio Award, Grand LIA, and award at Cannes. Siegel's latest album is with the band Firehorse[4] and contains the completed version of the song *If You Don't Want To Be Alone*, which was used in the Topsy Foundation commercial. Siegel also sings in the Citizens Band, a cabaret collective featuring musicians from the group Beirut.

Colum McCann

Colum McCann is President and Co-founder of Narrative 4. He teaches creative writing at Hunter College and is the bestselling author of six novels including *Zoli*, *Dancer*, *This Side of Brightness*, *Songdogs* and the National Book Award and IMPAC-winning *Let the Great World Spin*. His two short story collections include the critically acclaimed *Everything in This Country Must*, which was turned into an Oscar-nominated short film in 2005. His fiction has been published in 30 languages and has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times* magazine, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *GQ*, and *The Paris Review*. In 2003, Colum was featured as the "Next Great Novelist" in *Esquire* magazine's "America's Best and Brightest." His latest novel, *TransAtlantic*, was a *New York Times* bestseller.

About Narrative 4

Narrative 4 (N4) is an organization driven by authors, educators, and students facilitating story exchanges to build empathy and spark collaborative global change in classrooms, workplaces, and communities. In the process, N4 aims to build a community of empathetic global citizens, that harness story exchanges to better understand different points of view and different perspectives on key issues. The story exchange is based on a simple idea: if a person can hear another person's story deeply enough to retell it in his or her own words, as if it was one's own experience, then each person has the chance to see the world through another's eyes. N4 brings this methodology into classrooms and communities, with a focus on stories centered around immigration, identity, faith, environment, and peace. Since its founding, well over 25,000+ stories have been exchanged and tracked in countries on four continents, including in Ireland, Mexico, Rwanda, Israel, South Africa, Palestine, England, Colombia, and the United States.

Narrative 4 Ireland, the organization's first international center, opened its doors at 58 O'Connell Street in Limerick in the summer of 2016.