

Once Upon a Barstool - What is it about?

It is a modern day epic poem following four generations of one family from Ireland to Australia and back again. Complete with sea-voyages, battles with monsters, and a bit of boozing, Once Upon a Barstool is a modern adventure in storytelling.

In 1954, Sean says goodbye to his father, turns his back on Ireland and his Irishness and sails for a new life in Australia. Fifty years later his son, Stuart, drunk and lonely, finds himself at the bottom of Two-Fold Bay, homesick for a home that he never even knew. Meanwhile, his own son, Mick, an 18 year-old Aussie backpacker, who has arrived in Cork for the first night of his European adventure plays a game of pool he will never forget! And what of the letters, given to Mick by his granddad the night before he left...?

The Performer and Writer

Felix Nobis (Dr. Simon Lloyd, MDA; Rob Griffin, JANUS) is completing a PhD in medieval storytelling at Monash University. He lived for 10 years in Ireland where he wrote a translation of Beowulf, which he toured the world as a one-man show and was praised by Ireland's Nobel Prize winning poet Seamus Heaney as 'enthraling to a contemporary audience'.

A theatrical experience not to be missed - we do hope you can make it along.

Bloomsday in Melbourne thanks Felix for donating his services as a fundraiser and the Celtic Club for its support.