

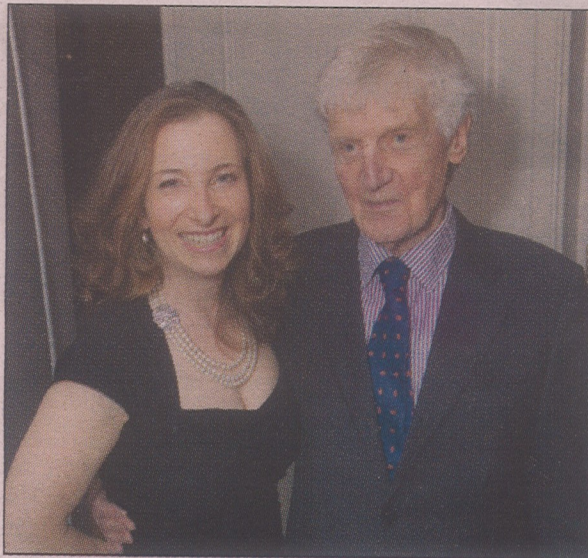
## Echo Gallery

### Róisín Fitzpatrick lightly launches her first book

A new book, "Taking Heaven Lightly" by Róisín Fitzpatrick, was launched recently at The Westbury Hotel in Dublin by Laurence Crowley, former governor of the Bank of Ireland.

Those in attendance included U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, Kevin O'Malley, golfer Christy O'Connor Jr., composer Bill Whelan, Niall Burgess Secretary General of Department of Foreign Affairs and former Irish Consul General in New York, Alasdair McDonnell, leader of the SDLP, Roddy Feely, Executive Director of the Ireland-US Council, and Tim O'Connor, founder of Connect Ireland and also a former Consul General in New York. Following a brain hemorrhage and near-death experience, Fitzpatrick worked to become an internationally successful visual artist using glass as her medium. With over ten exhibitions on both sides of the Atlantic, including an artwork on permanent display at the National Concert Hall in Dublin, Fitzpatrick's work has received widespread critical acclaim.

"Taking Heaven Lightly" is published by Hachette Ireland and is available on Amazon. More at [www.Roisinfitzpatrick.com](http://www.Roisinfitzpatrick.com). Photos by Paul Sherwood.



The author and Laurence Crowley.



Róisín Fitzpatrick shows a copy of her book to Ambassador Kevin O'Malley.



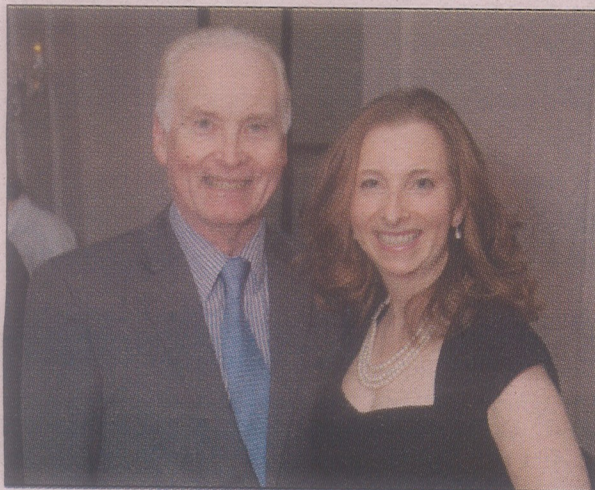
The author addresses the launch gathering.



Caroline Duggan of the Bronx-based Keltic Dreams dance troupe, Róisín Fitzpatrick, opera singer Carol Anne Lowe, and Ailbhe Mullen of the Irish International Business Network.



Róisín and actor Sean Mahon.



Tim O'Connor and Róisín Fitzpatrick.



Sharing a lighter moment were diplomats Niall Burgess and Kevin O'Malley.



The author and Carol Anne Lowe enjoying the evening.



Róisín Fitzpatrick with SDLP leader, Dr. Alasdair McDonnell.



Niall Burgess, the author and Ambassador O'Malley.



A little heavenly music didn't go amiss.