

Ryan's in a Twist, but it's all good



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At the launch of Kelley Ryan's new CD, *Twist*, at the Grain Store in Ballymaloe House, Co Cork, were, clockwise from left, Nicky and Sophie Kruseman, from Greystones; Linda Plover, Carrigaline, and Annette Buckley, the Old Head of Kinsale; artist Kelley Ryan.



Picture Denis Minihane.

EAST CORK'S movers and shakers were out in force on Thursday for the launch of singer Kelley Ryan's first solo album, *Twist* at Ballymaloe's Grainstore. Ryan, front woman with California pop band, The AstroPuppees, divides her time between east Cork and California with her husband, Dan Bourgoise, a music publishing mogul in Los Angeles.

Ryan performed her album to an appreciative audience, who enjoyed her folksy songs about love and longing.

One of its collaborators is producer Don Dixon, who has worked with REM.

At the concert were Rachel Allen and her husband Isaac; Rory, Hazel and Roisin Allen; Myrtle Allen; Stephen Pearse; Sasha Whelan, Dervilla O'Flynn and their children, Alex, Maddie and Oscar Whelan; also, Nicky and Sophie Kruseman; Deirdre and Suzanne Casey; Annette Buckley; Lydia Hugh-Jones; Dermot and Mary Twomey; Alison Connors; Tiffany Wight, Helen Eck and writer David Monagan.

Cobh's Sirius Arts Centre was the venue for the launch by author and explorer, Tim Severin, of Alannah Hopkin's and Kathy Bunney's book, *The Ship of Seven Murders*. The book is based on a thesis written by



Alannah Hopkin and Kathy Bunney at the launch of their book; below, Anne McCarthy, Marc Vanvliet and Joe McCarthy.

Picture: Cillian Kelly



Also at the Sirius Arts Centre in Cobh for the book launch were Michelle Burke, Sharon Nevin, Teresa O'Donovan and Nosipho Mayiji.

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Bunney at Colaiste Stiofán Naofa (CSN) and fleshed out by Hopkin. A true story, it is based on the return voyage of the ship, *Mary Russell*, from Barbados to her home port, the Cove of Cork, in 1828. The captain

of the boat, William Stewart, killed seven of the people on board and was found not guilty by reason of insanity. At the launch were Hopkin's husband, writer Aidan Higgins, and her sister Pixie Hopkin. Bunney's mother

Tess Bradley attended, as well as Shane Lehane, director of cultural and heritage studies at CSN. Also there was writer Frances Kay and her musician husband Nico Browne; artistic director of the West Cork Literary

Festival Denyse Woods and her husband William Woods; writer Damien Enright and his wife Marie; Gemma Tipton; Judy Kravis; Tina Neylon; Alex and Anna White and Sarah Iremonger.