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Love Bites on Valentine's Night

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What becomes of the broken hearted on Valentine's night? Those who've known a little too much tainted love and precious little endless love? For whom the sugary, schmaltzy sentimentality of Valentines makes them want to gag? Easy. They head for *Lovestock*.

Brainchild of curator Emer Marron, *Lovestock* offers a Valentine's night with a twist. Forget the cards and chocolates, the flowers and fakery, at *Lovestock* love is rare, life is real and relationships flare and flounder for the unrequited romantic. Profound, poignant and playful, *Lovestock* offers two hours of performance art, interactive installations, sound, screenings and diverse, bittersweet interventions all about love. Durational works, haiku poetry, performance pieces, music and a confessional for all your romantic sins are lovingly offered for your lovelorn pleasure.

An offshoot of the hugely influential *Livestock*, *Lovestock* takes *Livestock*'s experimental, cross discipline inventiveness and applies it to all things love, and not just the nice bits.

Featuring many *Livestock* luminaries as well as some new to the *Livestock* experience, *Lovestock* aims to cater to all tastes. Artists Deirdre Morrissey, Eleanor Lawler and Niamh Murphy will each be presenting pieces on the night. As will the always engaging, Smilin' Kanker with their Depressed Cabaret, Ciara Scanlon with an exploration of speed dating via an interactive installation and Francis Fay with his poignant and beautiful *Shall We Dance* which makes a much welcome return. Fathers of Western Thought and Dublin Laptop Orchestra will offer their own, unique musical interpretations and Diana Caramaschi will ensure no one goes home hungry with a baked goods installation.

Presented by *Livestock*, The Market Studios and Temple Bar Gallery and Studios, *Lovestock* is at times playful, at others powerful but never anything less than passionate. Quirky and irreverent, solemn and sublime, *Lovestock*'s exploration of sexual proclivities, domestic violence, failed relationships and the pursuit of love offers an alternative Valentine's night not to be missed.

Lovestock



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Temple Bar Gallery and Studio (Fownes Street entrance)

Friday, February 14th: 9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Admission Free

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