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### **Bust of McCourt to be unveiled in Limerick today**



Remembering Frank

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FORMER classmates of the late Dr Frank McCourt are being sought to come forward to attend the unveiling of a bust in his memory outside Leamy's on Hartstonge Street this Thursday.

Artist Una Heaton, who has organised the unveiling at the former school, said she is trying to get as many relatives of past teachers and pupils at Leamy School to attend.

The McCourt family have been unable to obtain contact details for some of those who would have known the author well, including his friend Sean Sheridan, who they believe may live in London.

Other people whom they are hoping will be represented at the unveiling are: Robert Cashin, John Fitzgibbon, John J Scallan, Pat Gleeson, Joe Benson, John Lynch, Willie Lynch, John O'Neill, John O'Dea, and Jim Griffin.

Brothers Alphonse, Michael and Malachy McCourt arrived in Limerick this week, as well as his widow, Ellen.

Speaking to the Limerick Leader in advance of the unveiling, Alphonse McCourt said he hopes the people of Limerick will welcome the bust.

"It's not really for me to say, but I'm hoping the people of Limerick will welcome it. The unveiling of the bust is to honour Frank, and remember him, and to maybe acknowledge home grown artists. 'The artist hath no honour in his own country,' so I hope he gets the honour," said Mr McCourt, 69.

Ellen McCourt will unveil the bust by sculptor Seamus Connolly this Thursday, May 13, at 5pm.