

Templates for Change

Our Human Heritage



William Butler Yeats



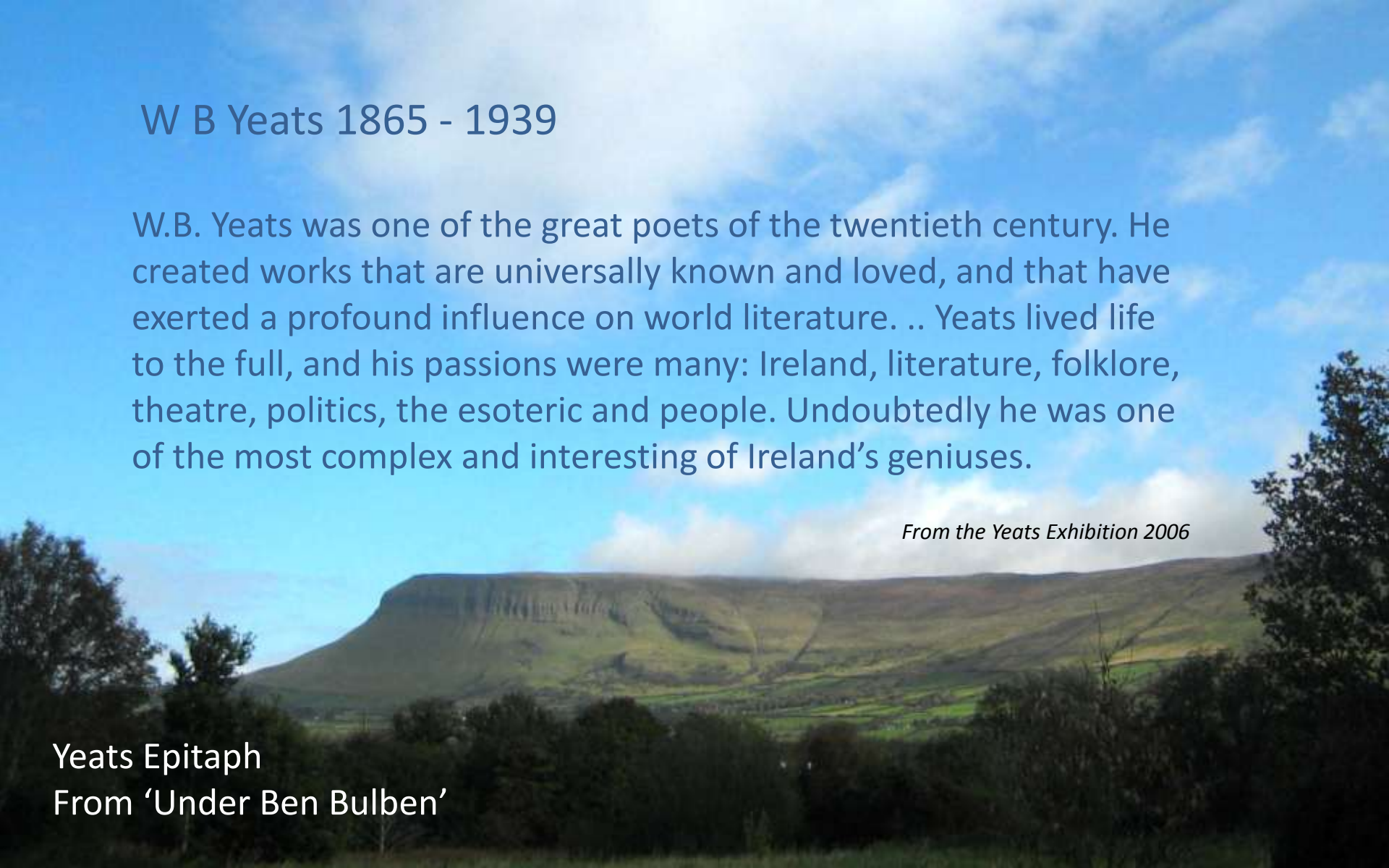
John Edge
Presenter

W B Yeats 1865 - 1939

W.B. Yeats was one of the great poets of the twentieth century. He created works that are universally known and loved, and that have exerted a profound influence on world literature. .. Yeats lived life to the full, and his passions were many: Ireland, literature, folklore, theatre, politics, the esoteric and people. Undoubtedly he was one of the most complex and interesting of Ireland's geniuses.

From the Yeats Exhibition 2006

Yeats Epitaph
From 'Under Ben Bulbin'





Under bare Ben Bulben's head,



In Drumcliff churchyard ...



... Yeats is laid.

W B YEATS

YEATS



An ancestor was rector there
Long years ago ...



... a church stands near,



By the road an ancient cross.



W.B. YEATS

June 24 1865

January 28 1939

No marble no conventional phrase;
On limestone quarried near the spot
By his command these words are cut:

Cast a cold Eye

On Life, on Death.

Horseman, pass by.

William Butler Yeats

1865 - 1939