

WELCOME TO GLOUCESTER POETRY FESTIVAL 2021!

It's been a time of upheaval and change all over with the dreaded P word continuing to distort the way we live and with politics in the UK has had a drastic effect on how everyone here has interacted and engaged with each other. As such, it was felt that there was a need for introspection and as result we have themed this years festival on Reflection to stand still amongst all the colourful noise.

This year we give thanks and are grateful to include at our online festival:

The Pandemic Poetry Anthology

Blue Diode Publishing

Salt Publishing

Seren Books

The Hedgehog Press

Green Bottle Press

Poets for the Planet

Black Rabbit Press and Infinity Books UK

Arachne Press

plus more events with individual poets.

We are excited to bring poetry to you this year in your homes and it just leaves me to thank Marcelle Newbold, Jason Conway and Charlie Markwick for their assistance to make this festival happen, because together we are stronger and can do more in the name of art.

So, wherever you are join us online to experience dynamic poetry and be inspired.



To book tickets to any of our events, or an open mic slot, please refer to our website:

<http://www.gloucesterpoetryfestival.uk>

GLOUCESTER POETRY FESTIVAL 2021 PROGRAMME

1. Sat. 2 October – 14.00 - Pandemic Anthology

Adele Cordner, Alan Toltzis, David Pollard, Jo Lambert, Karen Moore, Ness Owen, Nicola Harrison plus others

2. Mon. 4 October – 19.30 plus open mic

Catherine Graham, Elizabeth Rimmer

3. Wed. 6 October – 13.00 – Blue Diode Press

Allie Kerper, Andy Jackson, Georgi Gill, Jake Morris-Campbell, Juana Adcock, Milan Dezinsky (with translator from Czech, Nathan Fields), Nicky Melville, Tessa Berring, Tess Jolly

4. Sat. 9th October – 14.00 – Salt Press

Daniel Hardisty, Matthew Haigh, Rob A. Mackenzie, Louise Peterkin and Julian Stannard

5. Mon. 11th October – 19.30 plus open mic

Daniel Fraser, Richard Meier, Jo Weston

6. Wed. 13th October – 13.00 – Seren Publishing

Zoe Brigley, Kristian Evans, Helen Bowell, Katrina Naomi, Melissa Studdard, Mir Mahfuz Ali, Philip Gross, Richard Gwyn, Samuel Tongue

7. Sat. 16th October – 14.00 - Hedgehog Press

Damien Donnelly, Darren Beaney, Patricia M Osborne, Helene Demetriades, Gaynor Kane, Karen Mooney, Z.D. Dicks, Nigel Kent

8. Mon. 18th October – 19.30 plus open mic

Josephine Lay, Stewart Carswell, Zoe Brooks

9. Wed. 20th October – 13.00 – Green Bottle Press

Caroline Davies, Laura Wainwright, Micheal McCann, Phoebe Walker, Sandra Galton, Stephanie Jacob

10. Sat. 23rd October – 14.00 plus open mic

Chaucer Cameron, J.L.M. Morton, Rosie Johnston

11. Mon. 25th October – 19.30 – Poets for the Planet

Jacqueline Saphra, Anja Konig, Dom Bury, Ethan Saphra, Gita Ralleigh, Helen Bowell, Henny Beaumont, Shareen K. Murayama, Susie Campbell, Tanatsei Gambura

12. Wed. 27th October – 13.00 – Black Rabbit Press and Infinity Books UK

Bailee Wilson, George Sandifer-Smith, Karen Little, Mab Jones, Marc Zeuk Roberts, Mari Ellis Dunning, Olivia Tuck, Richard Owen Powell

13. Sat. 30th October – 14.00 - Arachne Press

Jennifer A McGowan, Jane Aldous, Rob Walton, Kate Foley, Math Jones, Ness Owen, Emma Lee, Jeremy Dixon