

Monday 17 Oct 2011

19:30-22:30 On The Spot: The Improvised Poetry Battle

Where: Tristan Bates Theatre, 1a Tower Street
Entry: £6/ £5 concessions; open mic improvisation and featured performers
Description: Hosted by Charlie Dupré and Dave Bevan

Also Starring Keith Jarrett, Deanna Rodger, Curious, Catherine Brogan, Ed Parshotam and Paul Cree

We are all poets. Some of us can freestyle. Some of us can't.

Come and watch us suffer in a series of duels in which we will attempt to make up poetry straight off the top of our creative little craniums.

There will be a couple of open slots for any audience members who fancy their improvisational chances.

Book tickets here: <http://www.tristanbatestheatre.co.uk/>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=280655718620237>

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Where: Cambridge 105FM
Description: Weekly left-of-centre arts radio programme.

Tuesday 18 Oct 2011

19:00-21:00 Multiply

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Description: Join Nick Stibbs for an eclectic selection of music plus the latest events listings.

19:00-20:30 This Is Oxford

Where: Blackwell's, Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BQ
Entry: £2 from Blackwell's or on the door
Description: eight cuts gallery's New Libertines tour is thrilled to introduce you to the finest poetry, prose and punk commentary in Oxford. Bringing you:

Lucy Ayrton, Hammer and Tongue finalist

Joe A Briggs, Oxford's voice of punk

Anna Hobson, Oxford International Women's Festival and Oxford Pride poetry MC

Dan Holloway, Literary Death Match Champion

Clarissa Pabi, 2010-11 president of the Oxford University Poetry Society

with special guests: **Neil Anderson**, Oxford Arts Group, plus 2010 Tower Poetry Prizewinner **Emily Harrison**, with music from **Grey Children**

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=154641747943285>

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19:30-23:00 Rhythmical Ravings And Rants (Rrrants)

Where: The Goat Inn, Sopwell Lane, St. Alban's AL1 1RN

Entry: free (with optional donation to the BARDAID Initiative); limited open mic plus featured performers in a merry-go-round of wit.

Description: More glorious Rrranting from the spoken word and music collective with the biggest heart and the most packed itinerary.

Rrrants bring you music, comedy, poetry, breath-taking mash-ups of all three, and all with a take-no-crap attitude that puts the big names to shame (quite literally).

So come if you enjoy talent, inclusivity, a range of entertainment, and a packed-up, fast-and-furious line-up with a pinch of chaos, guaranteed fun, and an ace of bass.

Find out more at <http://www.rrrants.com>

More about the venue at <http://www.goatinn.co.uk>

20:00-23:00 Allographic: "Other Voices" - John Lyons and Dauda Ladejobi

Where: The Emperor, 21, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1NW

Entry: £3.50/ £2; open mic and featured performers

Description: A nice room, a microphone, a bunch of lovely people, and some words. Come and show us what you've got: step up to the open mic or enjoy the talent on display (ideally both, of course!). If you're feeling shy about the stage, there'll be chances to get scribbling, and we've even got poetry amanuenses at hand if you'd like your words heard...

We have featured sets from local luminaries **John Lyons** and **Dauda Ladejobi**. Your host for the evening will be **Fay "nice cane" Roberts**.

Our features are from two ends of a spectrum:

John Lyons is an award-winning artist and poet, cook, and workshop leader. Taking inspiration from Caribbean folklore, imagery, dialect and rhythm, John's poetry and paintings explore mythology, movement, food and experiences in his native Trinidad and Tobago and in the UK. Check him out on <http://www.johnlyons.org/>

Dauda Ladejobi, also known as s.G (solid. Geish) is a 19 year old rapper/ poet/ actor from the outskirts of London, currently studying in Cambridge. Dauda won the May heat of the Hammer & Tongue Cambridge 2011 season, and you can find out more on <http://www.soundcloud.com/swatmansolid>

We'll be recording the night for future podcasts and CDs, and we'll be telling you all about Small Word, a poetry-short-story-photography magazine of petite, open for submissions as we speak! :)

<http://www.allographic.co.uk/>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=182113415196804>

Wednesday 19 Oct 2011

08:00-08:30 Milton Keynes Poet Laureate Mark Niel On The Radio!

Where: BBC Three Counties Radio 104.5 FM

Description: Mark Niel chatting about arts news and stuff! :)

08:30-11:30 Raising The Awen – Spoken Word Open-Mic Evening

Where: The LABOUR CLUB, 97 Charles Street, , Northampton, u.k

Entry: free; open mic and featured performers

Description: Northampton's loose and laid back monthly cabal of spoken word enthusiasm returns with the suggested theme of 'ANCESTORS'!

In anticipation of the approach of Halloween we welcome people to share their prose, poetry and song concerning those that have gone before us and passed into the realms beyond!

To help get us in the mood and to celebrate Black History month in the U.K. we welcome special guests **The Love Poets**, (Northampton's sassy, sexy, torch bearers of the spoken word and poets of the moment)

And as if that wasn't hot enough for you we welcome this month's featured artists, '**The Overfiend Brothers**'-who will be laying down some unholy riffs and rhymes with their Jazz/Funk poetry for your devilish delight!

So come and join us as we pierce the veil and be prepared to feel some shivers up your spine as we step over to the other side! Join us if you dare!

All welcome!

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<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=300090883350650>

19:00-22:30 'Utter!' Luton With John Hegley!

Where: the Hat factory, 65 Bute Street, Luton LU1 2EY

Entry: Tickets £6/8 on the door or prebook at the venue (<http://www.thehatfactory.org>); featured performers

Description: **John Hegley, Paul Hegley, Fay Roberts, Danni Antagonist, Brendan Wyer, Matthew M Taylor** (of Monkey Kettle magazine), with your hosts **Richard Tyrone Jones & Lee Nelson**.

The last Utter! of 2011... perhaps ever...?

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=245585698811952>

Wednesday 19 Oct 2011 continued...

19:30-22:30 Kiss The Sky Poetry & Music

Where: Kiss The Sky Bar & Café | Hampstead NW3, 7-9 Pond Street Hampstead NW3 2PN, London, United Kingdom

Entry: open mic and featured performers

Description: Contains strong language, violence, and scenes of a sexual nature from the outset.

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=160711967354533>

20:00-01:00 Wordamouth Presents Real Talk

Where: Bedroom Bar, 63 Rivington Street, London. EC2A 3AY

Entry: featured performers music and spoken word

Description: A new **Wordamouth** night and a new East London venue. **Real Talk** showcases fresh spoken word poetry and new music acts as well as wicked DJs spinning hip hop, breaks, dubstep and much more for a creative and diverse crowd.

The newly refurbished Bedroom Bar in Rivington Street is hosting **Real Talk** and boasts a great sound system; a well-staffed bar and there's even a smoking terrace!

Wordamouth hosts **Angry Sam** and **curious** promote nights across London and perform across the UK. **Angry Sam** is an independent poet and writer as well as a qualified teacher and social commentator. From MC to poet, **curious** is the 2010 Hammer & Tongue London slam finalist with a passion for hip-hop that comes through in his poetry and DJing. Together they keep a loose rein on proceeding while joining in with the general mayhem of the whole affair - now that's Real Talk!

Featuring on the first night of Real Talk will be The Resonators vocalist and live loop music maker **Bunty**. Fresh back from summer festival season and on the Wordamouth stage! Bunty shows why she's an in demand performer as she creates and composes live; looping her words, sounds and song into electronic, poetic soundscapes with only a mic and a few pedals. An amazingly creative and warm performer Bunty draws in audiences with a unique and uplifting repertoire.

Spinning on the night will be curious and **DJ Kaya Lox** keeping the vibes nice till 1am.

Wordamouth aim to bring the best performers to the best venues in London. Real Talk carries on where FreeStyles at Favela Chic left off. Come and help us relaunch at Bedroom Bar on Wednesday 19th October and you'll be happy you're so tired at work the next day!

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Wednesday 19 Oct 2011 continued...

20:30-23:00 Headcrash Cabaret @ The Birdcage

Where: The Birdcage PH, Pottergate, Norwich, Norfolk

Entry: £2; featured performers

Description: Russell J Turner presents a veritable smorgasbord of poetry, comedy and music. Including our first ever mother-daughter combo. All topped with a dash of Je Ne Sais Quois. Or summat like that.

And it's only two of your Earth pounds. With a free badge thrown in. Or pinned to your lapel with a sly smile. However you want to take it.

Featuring:

Sarah Cox – when faced with choice of any role in the multiverse she became a librarian.

Jenny Grimes – enjoys writing poetry to inanimate objects. Unfortunately they rarely reply.

Dan McKee – an intelligent mix of despondancy, sarcasm and stupidity from a man who has no intention of dealing with the modern world.

Robyn-Astrid – poetry, music, and poetic musicalness on the microphone and the geetar.

Jack Sinclair – a comedian who says all the right words. Just not necessarily in the right order

Emma Webb – West Ham fan in search of happiness, found Corona instead.

Catherine Woodward – a poet who flies Sikorski helicopters in her spare time. Pac-Man is her copilot.

Christine York – a women of a certain age who is determined to behave disgracefully and show herself up.

Phoebe York – writes lovely little pop songs, has a gorgeous voice, and is currently in her first year of University, partying like a good 'un. Allegedly.

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=160083510748789>

Thursday 20 Oct 2011

19:30-22:00 Chill Pill @ The Albany

Where: The Albany, The Albany, Douglas Way, London, United Kingdom

Entry: £8/ £6 concessions; open mic and featured performers

Description: Chill Pill is BACK! This time we have an open mic and we're at The Albany!

Featuring **Dizraeli** - Rapper, singer, poet, person: the half-daft missionary who forced folk to marry hiphop. His elastic, unhinged flows run through the supermarkets, love, tenements and rain of Engurland with a sidelong smile and a twist of phrase.

Mark 'Mr T' Thompson - Mark has performed at venues from the Hackney Empire to the Blues Room in Johannesburg, with words that draw from experiences both personal and cultural to comment on issues universal. Mark runs workshops and is the official poet of the African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust (ACLT, www.aclt.org). He also promotes his own night, called Mixed Messages, in Catford.

& live music from **Poeticat** - Poeticat's music has often been described as earthy, raw and powerful, and most of all as fresh and original. They are:

Cat Martindale, whose honest, witty and provocative poetry, telling of London in bursts of rhyme, moves audiences to laughter and tears;

Ziggi Jadovski, whose dissonant vocal technique - scatting, hiccupping and breathy percussive sounds - is the band's alter-ego;

Blake Kenrick, who yoyos between effects-driven electric and raw acoustic guitars. Spanning from rock driven riffs to hunting melodies, Blake's guitar anchors the PoetiCat wall of sound;

Victor Meadowcroft, providing a rhythmic pulse with his Peruvian Cajon drum. Admired for his individual style, Victor's palette of sounds ranges from hip-hop to rock to world.

Calling all budding poets! For your chance to get heard - arrive early and sign up for the Open Mic. Limited slots available.

Calling all sensible people! For your chance to get tickets, go here:

http://www.thealbany.org.uk/event_detail/696/Spoken-Word/Chill-Pill

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=219218428141566>

Thursday 20 Oct 2011 continued...

20:00-22:00 Bang Said The Gun Presents...Kriss Foster + John Osborne

Where: The Roebuck

Entry: £5; open mic and featured performer

Description: BANG SAID THE GUN - It's Poetry Not Ponce!!!

Stand up poetry for people who don't necessarily like poetry.

Starring **Kriss Foster + John Osborne**

+ all your favourite gunslingers

Code word for 40% off admission: Rude Bastard!

A full on verbal romp including Top Acts + the World Famous **Raw Meat Stew** Open Mic Spot - read a poem, tell a joke, juggle a pigeon, dance a jig and win your own slot at the next Bang Said The Gun

See you there gunslingers

<http://www.bangsaidthegun.com/>

<http://twitter.com/bangsaidthegun>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/bangsaidtheguntevee>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=151320098298163>

20:00-00:00 The Catweazle Club'S 17th Birthday

Where: The Catweazle Club, East Oxford Community Centre, Princes Street, Oxford OX1 4HU

Entry: free; open mic and featured performers

Description: We can now drive most vehicles and pilot a helicopter or plane; no longer be subject to a care order; become a blood donor; and be interviewed by the Police without an adult present

All of the above at the same time, if we bloody well want. We're 17 and we don't care, yeah. Woo Hoo!!!

Today, Oxford's Catweazle Club celebrates **seventeen years** of hosting our beautifulicious little performance space! Averaging 15 performances per week, 48 weeks per year, 17 years that's um, well, rather alot. And so, beloved artistes, polish up your best song, dance, poem, story - whatever constitutes your currently most gleaming self expression.

Everybody else, bring out your love (you'll find you have it about your person already) and come celebrate the US-ness.

We've also just the keys to our brand new souped-up website. Oh, ok, Mum got it second-hand from Uncle Dennis, but still. gets us where we wanna go. <http://www.catweazleclub.org>. Vroom Vroom...

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=260116254029917>

Sunday 23 Oct 2011

21:00-22:00 Headstand (Spoken Word / Music)

Where: Cambridge 105FM

Description: Our man in Poland, Patrick Widdess, presents an hour of eclectic music and spoken word including live guests and material recorded specially for the show.

<http://www.patrickwiddess.co.uk>

22:00-23:00 Evening Under Lamplight (Spoken Word / Music)

Where: Cambridge 105FM

Description: A different kind of radio: not quite upbeat, not quite chilled, but ironic, absurd, and even compassionate, with music, poetry, fairy tales, myths and commentary. Every show features one song by Dylan, one song by the Kinks, and a reading from Robert Louis Stevenson. The rest builds from there. We invite you to attend.

Monday 24 Oct 2011

19:00-22:00 451 October 2011

Where: Nuffield Studio, Nuffield Theatre, University Rd, Southampton, United Kingdom

Entry: £5/ £3 (open mic); open mic and featured performers; doors 7pm

Description: October heralds a new season of 451 with a few changes, but just as much (if not more) quality and fun. Now hosted by **Rob Casey**.

Please note: The open mic is now operating on a **sign up on the door** basis. **No** emails asking to be on the list please. First come first served. Places limited.

451: All the right words in the right order. A night celebrating local, national and international spoken word. **Featuring:**

Kimberly Dark – writer, mother, performer and professor. Kimberley is the author of five award-winning solo performance scripts and her poetry and prose appear in a number of publications. For more than ten years, she has inspired audiences while touring widely, engaging audiences with surprising topics, using humour and intimacy to reveal the contours of privilege and oppression in our daily lives. <http://www.kimberlydark.com>

Dreadlockalien – a live literature practitioner in slam poetry, spoken word, performance poetry, hip hop and grime theatre. He has performed at over 1,000 UK events ranging from Glastonbury Festival to Cheltenham Festival of Literature and was Birmingham Poet Laureate 05/06. He has made many television and radio appearances including hosting the BBC R4 Slam Poetry competition. <http://www.facebook.com/dreadlockalien>

Booking: 02380 671771 <http://www.nuffieldtheatre.co.uk>

Info: <http://www.applesandsnakes.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=219027604824182>

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19:30-22:30 Pinggg...K!! Monthly Open Mic Poetry Night!

Where: Leicester LGBT Centre, 15 Wellington Street, Leicester, United Kingdom

Entry: open mic and featured performers

Description: Leicester's newest open mic poetry night at the LGBT Centre

A chance to share your work in a great atmosphere and share the stage with a monthly 'featured performer' and compere Bobba Cass

20:00-23:00 Gwyneth Lewis At The Cb1 Poetry Reading Series

Where: The Punter Pub, Pound Hill, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire

Entry: £4/£3; open mic with featured performer

Description: Gwyneth Lewis was Wales's National Poet from 2005-06, the first writer to be given the Welsh laureateship. She has published eight books of poetry in Welsh and English. *Chaotic Angels* (Bloodaxe Books, 2005) brings together the poems from her three English collections, *Parables & Faxes*, *Zero Gravity* and *Keeping Mum*. Her latest book is *Sparrow Tree*. Gwyneth wrote the six-foot-high words for the front of Cardiff's Wales Millennium Centre (which are located just in front of the space-time continuum, as seen on Dr Who and Torchwood.)

A Next Generation Poet [2004], she has won the Aldeburgh Festival Prize and been shortlisted multiple times for the Forward Prize for Poetry. She has written several non-fiction books and, as a librettist, two chamber operas for children and an oratorio. She has been a television documentary producer and director at BBC Wales, spent time as a Harkness Fellow at Harvard and at Columbia University in the City of New York, and in 2006 she was Writer in Residence at the School of Physics and Astronomy, Cardiff University.

More information at <http://www.cb1poetry.org.uk>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=299030483443965>

Wednesday 26 Oct 2011

08:00-08:30 Milton Keynes Poet Laureate Mark Niel On The Radio!

Where: BBC Three Counties Radio 104.5 FM

Description: Mark Niel chatting about arts news and stuff! :)

12:00-14:00 The Word! Show

Where: Online Radio: <http://panjpaniradio.co.uk/>

Description: "Poetical ramblings, up and coming events, WORD! latest, and of course...music.

"You're in for a lyrical treat."

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=115064515213873>

Linked to the WORD Leicester Poetry and Spoken Word scene... :)

19:30-23:00 Halloween Spookeasy!!!

Where: The Brewery Tap - Peterborough

Entry: £4; featured performers

Description: So we have another edition of 'Spookeasy' aka 'Speakeasy' and what a ghastly little night it shall be. We have the wonderful and very effing funny 'Sanity Valve' as headliner: The Happenings of 2 straight up g's!!

This is them in their own words: After a racial struggle with their soul brothers in Compton, **Sanity Valve** have overcome the racial oppression often inflicted on their kind and made the badassest motherhuffin' record this side of Jesus' little known EP, *Pygmies Are Fucking Brilliant*. **Mos Prob** does the rapping, and **Gishnchips** does the rapping.

Ok so expect Hip hop with a twist! Expect a slight Halloween theme, come as a dead poet if you dare!

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=183920081684916>

19:30-22:30 Homework Event 5: True Stories, Feat. Nick Hornby

Where: Bethnal Green Working Men's Club

Entry: £5; featured performers

Description: This is the penultimate Homework of season 4! We're repeating an idea we first tried last season: a night of true stories, told onstage without notes.

We really enjoyed the last one. Here's a few stories taken from the night:

Luke Wright: <http://youtu.be/u7mjwOOH8b0>

Johann Hari: <http://youtu.be/Xgug-5ITJ6g>

Chris Hicks: <http://youtu.be/JtHRMW0xfso>

(Basically, we're ripping off the US storytelling night, The Moth: <http://themoth.org/> You should subscribe to their podcast. It's amazing)

This time the theme is 'Escape'. We're joined by extra-special guest **Nick Hornby**, plus the full roster of Homework residents.

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=260078097362392>

Friday 28 Oct 2011

19:00-01:00 Little Late Night Episode

Where: Novas Scarman Contemporary Urban Centre, 73-81 Southwark Bridge Road, London, SE1 0NQ

Entry: free, donations welcome; open mic various disciplines

Description: "As part of LE's mission to provide a platform to emerging talent we have a number of open-mic slots available, so if you are a songwriter, musician, performer, poet or stand-up and fancy showcasing some of your material, contact us at events@littleepisodes.org (first come first served!)

"Donations welcome on the door.

"We look forward to seeing you there"

"Little Episodes is an organisation started by professional writers, editors, artists, musicians and actors aiming to use the arts as a platform to raise awareness for people who suffer from depression, addiction or mental illness."

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000134644719>

<http://www.littleepisodes.org/>

Saturday 29 Oct 2011

20:00-00:00 Wordamouth Presents Open/Wide Returns To Alaska !!

Where: Alaska Studios, Alaska Street

Entry: £5; open mic and featured spoken word and music acts.

Description: London's most open mic returns to Alaska studios. **Angry Sam** and **curious** host a night of spoken word and music where everyone gets a spot on the mic! Kicking off the first night of this new season of OPEN/WIDE at Alaska studios is the hip hop poet and storyteller - **Martin Daws** - complete with bass player! And Berlin's only real Londoner, on her latest home visit - **Paula Varjack**.

Completed with **DJ Kaya Lox** on the tables and the cheapest drinks and free-est cakes for miles around, OPEN/WIDE is like going out to your own house; except you live with loads of poets and have a resident DJ.

Plus: top acts on the night will be offered spots at other Wordamouth nights or to record at Alaska studios for a (much discussed and still definitely happening) Wordamouth compilation CD.

Come down and make the party!!

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<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=124724494294143>

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