

Tue 26 Jan 2010

20:00 - 22:00 CB1 Poetry Open Mic Night with featured guest poet Kerri French

Where: The Punter, 3 Pound Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AE

Entry: £3/ £2 concessions; Open Mic - readings begin at 8pm and the event finishes shortly before 10pm.

Description: They say: "Come along just to listen to some great poetry, or arrive by 7:45pm to sign up for a 2-minute slot to perform your work before a friendly, attentive audience. Events usually have one or more featured poets, who begin each half before the open mic slots.

"Kerri French's poetry has been featured on Sirius Satellite Radio and was selected for inclusion in Best New Poets 2008, edited by Mark Strand. A recipient of the Larry Franklin and Mei Kwong Fellowship from the Writers' Room of Boston, her poetry has appeared in The Southeast Review, Barrelhouse, Brooklyn Review, Fugue, DIAGRAM, Natural Bridge, and Lumina, among others. A North Carolina native, she currently lives here in Cambridge.."

<http://web.me.com/kerrifrench>

<http://www.cb1poetry.org.uk/2009/11/last-open-mic-in-2009.html>

19:30 - 22:30 Poetry Unplugged

Where: The Poetry Cafe, 22 Betterton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9BX

Entry: £4/3; Open Mic

Description: "London's premier open mic night. Come and sign up between 6 and 7pm to be in the line up. Hosted by Niall O'Sullivan."

Contact: 0207 420 9887 email: poetrycafe@poetrysociety.org.uk

Check <http://www.poetrysociety.org.uk/content/cafe/events/> for details.

(Information from <http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearevents.php> and the Poetry Society website)

20:00 - 22:30 Catweazle Club London

Where: The North London Tavern, 375 Kilburn High Rd, London NW6 7QB

Entry: £5 performers free (Open Mic Event)

Description: Acoustic music and poetry night.

"An intimate and magical space for musicians, singers, poets, storytellers and performance artists of every imaginable hue, who grace the stage every week. A chance to sit, to listen, to connect, to inspire and to be inspired..."

Sounds a bit funky...! :) contact mother@catweazleclub.org or the venue on 020 7625 6634

<http://catweazleclub.org>

(Information from <http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearevents.php> and the Catweazle Club website)

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21:00 - 24:00 BEAT! (Gents' Night)

Where: Peter Parker's Rock n Roll Club, 4 Denmark Street, Soho, London WC2H 8LP

Entry: Free! Featured performers

Description: Last week Lady Antagonist and I indulged in some BEAT muliebrity. This week it's the turn of the Y chromosomes to do their thing.

"Beat is, as always free and after a cocktail of the female spectrum last week we now continue our gender series, presenting the male spectra; or what say you of two models, one chimney sweeper/salsa instructor throw in a couple of subversive left wing agitators and a comedian? Sounds like my kinda gig!

"Quite possibly yours:

"**Gavin James Bower** - Former model, turned writer and journalist. Written for FLUX, 3:AM Magazine and The Sunday Telegraph. His first novel, Dazed & Aroused, was published in 2009 and Gavin is currently adapting it into a screenplay with a friend. He's also working on a second novel, Made in Britain." <http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/reviews/dazed--aroused-by-gavinjames-bower-1766403.html>

"**Charlie Dupre - AKA MC Treason**, Actor/Model/Rapper: 'I started MCing to Drumn bass whilst at Nottingham Uni. Started off crap but had become quite awesome by the time I left. Since then have started doing Beat Poetry or Spoken Word.'

"The legendary Karma Police voice of Brixton: **Jack Blackburn and the Conformists** - 'we don't want to do anything subversive. We just want to destroy capitalism' <http://blip.tv/file/1918339>
<http://blip.tv/file/1918557>
http://www.youtube.com/user/seekYEthetruth#p/u/17/x9mv5_fNqGU

"**John Dredge** - odd comedy writer/actor/poet/fish: 'I live within a realm of plinths and molluscs. I am on MySpace and Facebook and Twitter. I am also on Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfhrO5uEQiY>'"

"**Paul Ross** - Scholar & a gentleman. Ex Manager turned chimney sweeper & salsa instructor, also hard core new poet enfant terrible. London watch out!

"**Angry Sam** - Legendary Performance poet, Angry Sam is a London Area-Coordinator of Spoken Word and Slam event, Hammer and Tongue"
<http://www.myspace.com/poetthug>

"**Your host: Andreas Grant**, Actor/Model/Celebrated Bon Vivant & Mixologist of Tipular Fixings. 'Dylan Thomas meets X-factor' according to the BIG ISSUE." A very friendly, supportive, experienced, passionate and utterly random host. ☺

"+ More T.B.A!"

Check out: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sudk3ZdMsVA&NR=1>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=263599447893>

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20:00 - 24:00 needleandthread open mic

Where: The Half Moon, 10 Half Moon Lane, Herne Hill, London SE24 9HU

Entry: free; Open Mic spoken word and music; sign up from 7pm

Description: "We have a large, and beautiful sounding p.a., professional engineers, and half price pizza! All music welcome, from spoken word, to solo musicians, and acoustic singer/songwriters.. relaxed atmosphere, receptive audiences.. bring down your lyric books, your instruments, and yourselves!"

Contact: Len Hovis 07708245035

(Information from <http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearevents.php>)

Wed 27 Jan 2010

20:00 - 22:00 Apples & Snakes in Soho Featuring Zena Edwards

Where: Soho Theatre, 21 Dean Street, W1D 3NE, London, United Kingdom

Entry: £8/£6; featured poet and another of our favourites - she's AWESOME!

Description: "**Zena Edwards** is well-known as a poet, storyteller and musician – sometimes all three at once, the one flowing fluidly into the other. She's also a one-woman theatre troupe, as anyone who's seen her touring show Security ('Superb' - The Guardian) will testify. She can probably juggle and eat fire as well, but probably not tonight.

"Another poet primed to make that leap into the Premier League is **Inua Ellams**, who's been riveting audiences for years with his tightly-written, messianically-declaired material, and whose show The Fourteenth Tale has recently been snapped up by the National Theatre.

"Also on the bill, we have **Tom Chivers**, the unassuming mastermind behind the London Word Festival, and a hard-working, innovative poet in his own right.

"And finally, one of the new spoken-word artists that everyone's currently talking about – hot from the Radio 4 Poetry Slam semi-finals, the splendidly sparky **Sabrina Mahfouz**.

"C'mon, let's not keep this poetry thing a secret any longer."

Hear hear! <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=260253307912>

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

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20:00-02:00 A Word For Haiti: LDOD/Poejazzi Fundraiser

Where: The Last Days of Decadence, 145 Shoreditch High St, London, United Kingdom

Entry: pay what you can (suggested donation: £5); featured artists in aid of Partners in Health Haiti crisis appeal.

Description: "As if one massive earthquake weren't enough, Haiti has now been hit by a second quake measuring 6.1 on the Richter Scale

["http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jan/20/haiti-hit-by-second-earthquake](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jan/20/haiti-hit-by-second-earthquake)

"It's time to dig deep and do what we can for the people of Haiti.

"Poejazzi and The Last Days of Decadence team up to bring you "Help to Haiti", a spectacular programme of poetry and music from some of the UK's finest artists.

"All proceeds will go to Partners in Health (<http://www.pih.org/>), a healthcare charity which has been doing excellent work in Haiti for around 20 years.

"There'll be exceptional poetry from:"

Kate Tempest (<http://www.myspace.com/katetempestwords>)

Ventriloquist (<http://www.myspace.com/ventriloquistmusic>)

Alex iamb (<http://www.myspace.com/alexiambic>)

Alex Gwyther (<http://www.myspace.com/thebestofthebiro>)

David J (<http://www.myspace.com/davidj14>)

Michaela

"And there'll be superb music from:

Heidi Vogel (<http://www.myspace.com/heidilevo>)

The Stillhouse Orchestra

(<http://www.myspace.com/thestillhouseorchestra>)

Valentina (<http://www.myspace.com/valentinamusic>)

Ed Sheeran (<http://www.myspace.com/edsheeran>)

Jamie Woon (<http://www.myspace.com/jamiewoon>)

"....with more exciting acts still to come!!

"So come down, hang out, and help us bring Help to Haiti.

"If you want to help, but you can't make the event, please go to <http://www.pih.org/> and donate what you can. The very little time, energy and money you give will save at least one life.

"ALL proceeds go to Partners in Health (<http://www.pih.org/>) .

"If you'd like to get involved with the event in any way please contact Joshua on lordgokal@hotmail.com"

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=265681838683>

Thu 28 Jan 2010

20:00 - 23:00 Bard-Aid (Rrrants)

Where: The Etcetera Theatre, above the Oxford Arms, Camden High Street, Camden, London NW1 7BU

Entry: £7.50; featured performers. All profits to go toward helping to London Schools effectively teach poetry.

Description: Our favourite Rhythmical Ranters and Ravers bring you lucky punters a night of top-notch "stand-up poetry, comedy and song for an excellent cause. Featuring: punk legend TV Smith, The 'Pure Creative Genius' of Rachel Pantechnicon, The Antipoet, Poeterry, and Rob Auton."

TV Smith rose to prominence in the first wave of British punk rock as singer and songwriter for the Adverts who, after frequent early appearances at the seminal Roxy club in London in 1977, gained cult success with the Stiff single 'One Chord Wonders.'

<http://www.rrants.com/PerformersPages/TV%20Smith.htm>

Rachel Pantechnicon really has to be experienced to be believed. A glorious Technicolor wonder of a woman. "Specialises in motivational poems for cats and for people." That's the least of it.

<http://www.rrants.com/PerformersPages/RachelPantechnicon.htm>

The Antipoet are another piece of wonder. Take beat poetry, social commentary, subversion, and pure tonal brilliance and you'll get close. We think they're rather awesome, you see... If you don't believe me, get stuck into their website and remember that they're part-responsible for Rrrants.

<http://www.rrants.com/PerformersPages/Music/TheAntipoet.htm>

Poeterry – the cuddliest love poet we've ever met. His passions for beautiful women and verse twine intimately to bring you unforgettable experiences.

<http://www.rrants.com/PerformersPages/Poeterry.htm>

Tickets available from the box office

<http://www.etceteratheatre.com/page.php?pageID=7> with all profits going to help the Rrrants crew to put independent poetry into school libraries.

Contact on 020 7482 4857 or <http://www.etceteratheatre.com/>

Check out <http://www.bardaid.rrants.com/> for more details.

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20:00 - 22:30 Bang Said The Gun presents: Mud Wrestling With Words

Where: The Roebuck, 50, Great Dover Street, London SE1 (nearest tube Borough/ London Bridge)

Entry: Entry: £5/ £3; open mic plus featured guests, vodka and a bunch of mayhem.

Description: "Standup poetry for people who don't like poetry... It's a full-on romp featuring World-Famous Tequila Shots [and] Open Mic slots.

"Drink Tequila, read a poem and win your own slot at the next Bang Said the Gun."

We suspect you need to get there a tad before 8:00pm in order to sign up.
<http://www.bangsaidthegun.com/>

20:00 - 22:30 Catweazle Club Oxford

Where: East Oxford Social Club, 44B Princes Street, Oxford OX4 1HU

Entry: £5/£4; performers free Acoustic music and poetry open mic night.

Description: "An intimate and magical space for musicians, singers, poets, storytellers and performance artists of every imaginable hue, who grace the stage every week. A chance to sit, to listen, to connect, to inspire and to be inspired..."

Sounds a bit funky...! :) contact mother@catweazleclub.org

<http://catweazleclub.org>

(Information from <http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearevents.php> and the Catweazle Club website.)

20:00 - 23:00 Upbeat Open Mic

Where: The Hopbine, 12, Fair Street, Cambridge CB1 1HA

Entry: Free; Open Mic poetry and music night

Description: Anarchic Open Mic night - music, poetry, comedy, and creative randomness - anything goes on during this weekly night! Turn up before 8pm to sign up or contact the organisers directly on upbeatopenmic@gmail.com.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=24307221386> for the Facebook Group or <http://www.myspace.com/upbeatopenmic> for a bit of MySpace.

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20:00 - 22:30 Rhymes (New Year, New Poets, New Poems)

Where: The Mixing Bowl Theatre, The Custard Factory, Gibb Street, Birmingham, B9 4AA

Entry: £5; featured performers

Description: Birmingham's "premier platform for performance poetry and spoken word" presents Rhymes, hosted by Lorna Meehan.

"We've had a great first year at Rhymes showcasing home-grown poetry talent and we're kicking off the New year with a new poetry/new poets theme. This month's poets are:

"**Charlie Jordan**, former Birmingham Poet Laureate previewing extracts from her new show.

"Slick and thought provoking poetics from upcoming talent **Ddotti Bluebell**

"**Dreadlockalien** and some of his young protégés spit some lyrics

"And Rhymes 2009 Slam Winner **Spoz** airs some new work and some old favourites

"Plus the Rhymes Raffle and The Wordbag Challenge and a few more new poets wedged in for good measure!

"Come get poetical."

More details on:

http://www.rogueplay.co.uk/page/factory_theatre_tickets/Rhymes

Fri 29 Jan 2010

20:00 - 23:00 From Bard to Verse - "the return of the return"

Where: Main Bar, The Bull Hotel, High Street, Stony Stratford

Entry: Free; Open Mic (sign up in advance!)

Description: Rhymes and rumblings from the Speakeasy Massive & Friends at the Bull, Stony Stratford. Come for the poetry, stay for the real ale, comfy sofas and real fire. A proper night of spoken word loveliness.

Email Speakeasy (speakeasy@writerbrock.co.uk) if you want to book a slot.

[http://www.stonystratford.gov.uk/Events/Events_Index/StonyWords!6: Bard To Verse](http://www.stonystratford.gov.uk/Events/Events_Index/StonyWords!6:_Bard_To_Verse)

20:00 - 23:00 Pub Poetry Burton

Where: The Old Cottage Tavern, 36 Byrkley Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 2EG

Entry: Free; Open Mic poetry

Description: "Please bring along your favourite light-hearted poems, monologues or limericks to share. Or just sit back and enjoy the excellent ale and friendly atmosphere."

<http://pubpoet.blogspot.com>

Sat 30 Jan 2010

14:30 – 17:30 Poetry Live for Haiti

Where: Central Hall Westminster, London

Entry: £10; featured artists (all proceeds go to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Haiti Earthquake Appeal)

Description: The Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and Poetry Live have invited 20 leading poets to perform in a fundraising event for the people of Haiti. Poets include **Carol Ann Duffy, Brian Patten, Roger McGough, Gillian Clarke, John Agard, Imtiaz Dharker, Daljit Nagra, Grace Nichols, Ian Duhig, Elaine Feinstein, Lachlan Mackinnon, Maura Dooley, Robert Minhinnick** and **Jo Shapcott**.

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

Sun 31 Jan 2010

19:30 - 22:00 Headstand featuring Rychard Carrington, John Guy, John Lyons, and Jean Rees-Lyons

Where: The Maypole, Portugal Place, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Entry: £3/2 Concessions and 209radio Members; featured poets

Description: "The first poetry night of 2010 sees another terrific line of local poets performing in aid of 209radio."

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=401110545396>

Check out <http://www.209radio.co.uk/shows/headstand> for more details on the show in general.

19:30 - 22:30 Torriano Poets

Where: Torriano Meeting House, 99 Torriano Avenue, London NW5 2RX

Entry: £5/3; Open Mic and featured poets.

Description: Contact: call 0207 267 2751.

Weekly event with the Torriano poets.

(Information from <http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearevents.php>)

20:00 - 23:00 An Evening of Rhythmical Ravings and Rants (Rrrants) at the Camden Eye

Where: The Camden Eye, 2 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London NW1 9NX

Entry: free to performers; Open Mic with featured performers

Description: Rrrants will be hosting roughly bi-monthly nights of performance poetry, comedy and song throughout 2010. Well worth a punt! :)

Check out <http://www.rrrants.com/Events.htm> for details.

Mon 1 Feb 2010

19:30 - 22:30 RAW (Real interActive Writing)

Where: The Abbey Tavern, 124 Kentish Town Rd, London NW1 9QB

Entry: free; poetry workshop and open mic

Description: "Contact CT or SILVER (facilitators) on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/rawpoetry>, on Myspace:
<http://www.myspace.com/rawpoetry>, or on 07956 101466

"IT'S NOT HOW GOOD YOU ARE IT'S HOW REAL YOU ARE

"Come and share real rawness... or just listen and leave inspired..."

(Information from <http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearevents.php>)

20:00 - 23:00 Hammer & Tongue London

Where: Green Note Cafe, Parkway, Camden, London NW1 7AN

Entry: free to slam competitors; Poetry Slam plus featured performers

Description: Monthly Poetry Slam with featured guests. All welcome to sign up on the door from 7:30pm. First 8 will compete for a place in the Hammer and Tongue London final and the winner will go on to Hat's national final.

Hosted by Michelle Madsen and Angry Sam. Contact: Michelle Madsen on 07809 236133

<http://hammerandtongue.co.uk/>

<http://www.myspace.com/hammerandtonguelondon>

Tue 2 Feb 2010

20:00 - 22:30 Y Tuesday Poetry Club with special guest star July Rose Coleridge White

Where: Three Kings Public House, 24 Clerkenwell Close, Clerkenwell, London EC1R 0AT

Entry: Free entry, open mic with featured performer.

Description: "Now running for over three years, this intimate, candle-lit poetry club has received many accolades and even hosted a guerrilla gig by former Libertines Carl Barat, John Hassall and Kieron from the View.

"It's mostly good quality poetry though and a well run MySpace site...

<http://www.myspace.com/ytuesday>"

(I can't find much about July Rose Coleridge White apart from this:

<http://www.blogger.com/profile/10357944927517341595>)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1442792478>

(Apparently they're not allowed to have candles any more, what with fire regulations being what they are, but they promise lyrical luminescence in the form of their performers - i.e. you!) Also, there is cake.