

Wordfringe 2009 presents poets, fiction writers, dramatists, storytellers, comedians, translators, musicians, composers and sound artists, from North-East Scotland and beyond, in the innovative festival exploring the spoken and written word in performance. Events take place in venues in Aberdeen and many towns and villages throughout Aberdeenshire.

This year **Wordfringe** forms a part of *Homecoming Scotland*, the year-long celebration of Scottish culture, with a vibrant mix of the best of local, national and international talent. As you browse through the Event Calendar you will find writers and performers from Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, Netherlands, France, Sweden, Germany, Greece, Texas, Indiana, Oregon, Nepal and New Zealand. Some are visiting the North-East specially, some have made their home here, and some are returning after time away.

Among the many highlights of this year's festival is a series of events exploring the variety of relationships between words and music, presented in conjunction with the *Sound* festival, including the Pennan premiere of Richard Ingham's *From Pennan to Penang* and the world premiere of Fredrik Sixten's *Requiem* in a new English version by John Hearne.

Look out too for some big names in performance poetry including John Hegley and Attila the Stockbroker, a weekend of events at North Coast venues and a weekend at Woodend Barn including visits from Esther Woolfson and Laura Hird. Then there's drama from Philip Knight's *Prometheus* and Charles Barron's *Guts*, and some highly innovative poetry events presented by Spring Tides at Peacock Visual Arts, including a visit from Shetland poet Jen Hadfield, winner of the 2008 T. S. Eliot prize.

Add into the mix children's poetry events in Aberdeen and Fraserburgh, workshops for the writers among us to develop our skills, several book and magazine launches, events featuring local writers' groups, and an intimate open poetry evening where anyone can read, and you have one of the most varied, entertaining, challenging and stimulating ways of spending a month that you could imagine.

Most events are modestly priced — some are free — and no events clash so you can come to as many as you choose. Browse the *Wordfringe* website, be adventurous, visit venues you have never been to before, and find out why those who have discovered *Wordfringe* keep coming back for more.

For full details of all events in *Wordfringe 2009*, including booking information, venue maps, and photographs and biographies of the authors taking part in the festival, visit the website:

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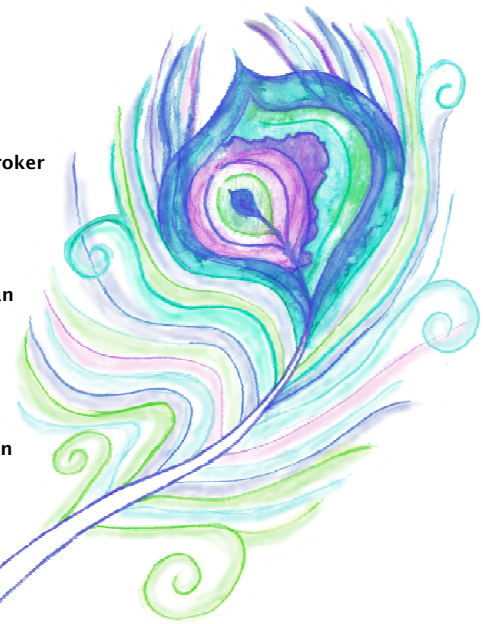


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and many more



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1st - 31st May 2009

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Thursday 30 April | 6.30pm | Books and Beans, Aberdeen

Makar Making

Sheena Blackhall: Makar of the North-East of Scotland

Friday 1 May | 7.30pm | Queen's Cross Church, Aberdeen

First Friday Fling with Janis MacKay

Grampian Association of Storytellers with a special guest

Saturday 2 May | 2.30pm | Duff House, Banff

Pushing Out the Boat

A celebration of the launch of Issue 8, with readings by the contributors

Saturday 2 May | 7pm | Lighthouse Museum, Fraserburgh

Night at the Light

Be inspired by the combination of traditional music and contemporary poetry surrounded by spectacular lenses

Sunday 3 May | 2pm | Pennan Village Hall

From Pennan to Penang

Richard Ingham and Mary McCarthy

Sunday 3 May | 3.30pm | Pennan Village Hall

Lubrication

Douglas W. Gray, Catriona Yule and Haworth Hodgkinson

Sunday 3 May | 5pm | Pennan Village Hall

Trio Verso

Brian Johnstone, Richard Ingham and Louise Major

Sunday 3 May | 7.30pm | Salmon Bothy, Portsoy

Love as a Foreign Language

Olivia McMahon launches her new novel, joined by Christie VanLaningham and Bill Kirton

Monday 4 May | 7pm | Aberdeen Arts Centre

Demented Eloquence Tag-Team Word Wrestling

Four heavyweight performance poets take it in turns to grapple the English language into submission

Tuesday 5 May | 6.30pm | Peacock Visual Arts, Aberdeen

Prometheus: A River Stained with Iron

No one dreams of civilisation in Paradise

Wednesday 6 May | 10am | Woodend Barn, Banchory

Poetry Workshop

with Sheila Reid

Wednesday 6 May | 7.30pm | Rizza's Ice Cream Factory, Huntly

Cream of Strathbogie

Huntly Writers: at home in Huntly for their latest event

Thursday 7 May | 6.30pm | Books and Beans, Aberdeen

Expect the Best: Elspeth Murray

Poetry and other entertainments from the vivacious Elspeth Murray with special guest Eddie Gibbons

Friday 8 May | 7pm | Better Read Books, Ellon

Open Poetry Night

Open mic without the mic

Saturday 9 May | 11am | Woodend Barn, Banchory

Fiction Workshop

Lemon Tree Writers host a workshop by the award-winning author Laura Hird

Saturday 9 May | 3pm | Woodend Barn, Banchory

Speak Volumes

CD launch of pop, sonic art, and spoken word, with Miriama Young and Catherine Bowman

Saturday 9 May | 5pm | Woodend Barn, Banchory

Journeys

Lemon Tree Writers launch their new anthology

Saturday 9 May | 8pm | Woodend Barn, Banchory

Coming Home

An evening of piano music and poetry with Susanne Olbrich and Margot Henderson

Sunday 10 May | 11am | Woodend Barn, Banchory

Workshop: Coming Home

Creative explorations with poetry and music

Sunday 10 May | 5pm | Woodend Barn, Banchory

And Loud Flows the Dee

Readings by members of Deeside Writers

Sunday 10 May | 7.30pm | Woodend Barn, Banchory

Laura Hird and Esther Woolfson

Readings and chat with two of Scotland's best known authors

Monday 11 May | 7pm | Cellar 35, Aberdeen

Double Launch

Robert Ramsay launches his poetry collection, and Olivia McMahon reads from her new novel

Tuesday 12 May | 6.30pm | Peacock Visual Arts, Aberdeen

P-KOK

New poetry in English, Greek and Nepali with film, painting, digital art and improvised music

Wednesday 13 May | 10am | Woodend Barn, Banchory

Drama Workshop

with Sheila Reid

Friday 15 May - Sunday 17 May | University of Aberdeen

Word 09

University of Aberdeen Writers' Festival

Tuesday 19 May | 6.30pm | Peacock Visual Arts, Aberdeen

The Night Mare V Fear of Intimacy

(...trucks never sleep: or hurt: I do...)

Tuesday 19 May | 8pm | The Tunnels, Aberdeen

Attila the Stockbroker and David Rovics

Sharp-tongued radical poetry and hard hitting political songs

Wednesday 20 May | 7pm | Better Read Books, Ellon

In Search of Salt

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Friday 22 May | 4pm | Lighthouse Museum, Fraserburgh

Poetry of Lighthouses

Listen to lighthouse poetry performed by Writer in Residence Knotbrook Taylor and local school children

Friday 22 May | 7.30pm | The Lemon Tree, Aberdeen

John Hegley

Beyond Our Kennel: Innovative stand-up comic poetry

Saturday 23 May | 11am | Douglas Hotel, Aberdeen

Drawing out the Creativity

A workshop with John Hegley

Sunday 24 May | 8pm | St James Episcopal Church, Stonehaven

Fredrik Sixten: Requiem

World premiere of John Hearne's English translation of the Swedish text by Bengt Pohjanen

Monday 25 May | 7pm | Tarts and Crafts, Balmedie

The Word Birds

Join us on our flights of fancy, and prepare to have your feathers ruffled

Tuesday 26 May | 6.30pm | Peacock Visual Arts, Aberdeen

Voyager Poets

T.S. Eliot prizewinner Jen Hadfield, Jingling Geordie Keith Armstrong, and John Mackie's Infinite Equation #2

Wednesday 27 May | 7pm | Gordon Highlanders Mus., Aberdeen

Not Drowning but Waving

Poems and songs on the theme of leaving and returning home

Thursday 28 May | 6.30pm | Books and Beans, Aberdeen

Fresh Ayr

Makar Poets breeze into Aberdeen

Friday 29 May | 7.30pm | Crown Terr. Meth. Church, Aberdeen

Young People's Poetry Competition Prizegiving

An Aberdeen Writers' Circle bi-annual event

Saturday 30 May | 7.30pm | Aberdeen Arts Centre

Guts

Let Hitler do his worst — Aberdeen's fishwives show him they have the guts to cope

Sunday 31 May | 3pm | Left Bank, Tarland

Closing Verses

Koo Press Poetry Roadshow with Catriona Yule, Haworth Hodgkinson and Douglas W. Gray

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