

SIGNPOSTS EVENTS AT OFF THE SHELF 2009

Hear, Women Poets, Here

St George's Church, Mappin Street, Sheffield 1

Thursday, October 8th, 7.30 pm (National Poetry Day)

This year Carol Ann Duffy became the first female Poet Laureate, and dedicated her appointment to women poets everywhere. To celebrate this, and National Poetry Day, come and hear some of this region's finest read from their work. Elizabeth Barrett, Liz Cashdan, Debjani Chatterjee, Nell Farrell, Sally Goldsmith, Geraldine Monk, Ann Sansom and River Wolton will combine their talents to celebrate the passion, energy and intelligence behind women's poetry now. All are welcome.

Tickets £4/ £3 To reserve tickets: info@signpostssouthyorks.org.uk
or 0114 2536722 (answerphone)

Songs from the Untidy Heart

Matt Black, Matt Clegg, Adam White (guitar), Liz (cello), Sally Docherty (voice)

Upper Chapel, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JD

Friday, October 9th, 7.30 pm

An ensemble collaboration, with poems, original music and songs, exploring love's beginnings, endings, and circularities, including children, snow, despair, elation, lack of closure, and action on the sofa.

Tickets £4/ £3 on the door. No pre-booking required.

Who Do You Think You Are? - Poetry Workshop

with Helen Burke

The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield S1 4FW

Saturday, 17th October, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Using original handmade Venetian masks (supplied!), we will use the power of the mask to look at who we are, and what other faces and voices we might use as people and as artistic inspiration. Going behind the mask we will write in different voices and guises.

Helen Burke is a poet/visual artist and playwright, with a recent solo show at the Edinburgh Festival. Ian McMillan has described her work as "full of warmth, wit and humanity."

Tickets £6/ £3. Pre-booking essential: info@signpostssouthyorks.org.uk
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Some Girls' Mothers: Writing Workshop

with River Wolton and Anne Caldwell

The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield S1 4FW

Sunday 18th October, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Open to new and experienced writers alike, we will use the themes of the Some Girl's Mothers anthology to explore writing about families, especially stories between mothers and daughters, but also the rich vein of material about other relationships such as siblings, fathers and sons. We will look at how to shape this material into stories and poems, and share some of our own experiences. All welcome.

"Brilliant! More! The writers were lovely, understanding, and very professional."

Tickets £6/ £3. Pre-booking essential: info@signpostssouthyorks.org.uk
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Poetry-Music Collaborations Night I

The Bat Detector: Elizabeth Barrett with Robin Ireland

Somewhere To Get To: Shelley Roche-Jacques with The Only Michael

Riverside Cafe Bar, 1 Mowbray Street, Sheffield S3 8EN

Tuesday 20th October, 8pm

Prize-winning and published poet Elizabeth Barrett reads from her sequence 'The Bat Detector' (Wrecking Ball, 2005) with original music for solo viola by Robin Ireland (Lindsay String Quartet). Shelley Roche-Jacques, who has performed dramatic monologues widely, explores moments in the lives of city dwellers, with music and found sounds from Animat musician The Only Michael.

Tickets £4/ £3 on the door. No pre-booking required.

'18' Magazine Launch + Young Writers Open Mic Night

Showroom Cafe, 7 Paternoster Row, Sheffield S1 2BX

Wednesday October 21st, 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Young writers and performers read from Cube's special edition '18' magazine (produced with Sheffield Young Writers/ Off The Shelf), which features poems, stories, journalism by young writers, on the theme of '18', to celebrate Off the Shelf's 18th year. Open Mic also for any young writers who fancy a go. The magazine is free and available from Off the Shelf venues, community centres, libraries and schools. See www.cubeweb.org.uk.

Free entry: For any info ring Matt on 0114 2554030

Young Storytellers Night

Monday, October 26th, 7.00 – 9.00 pm

St. Mathew's Church Hall, Carver Street, Sheffield S1 4FE

Come and listen to short, and tall, tales told by young storytellers from Sheffield and beyond. Facilitated by Graham Langley, inspirational storyteller. Come along and enjoy stories old and new. If you want to tell a story ring Matt: 0114 2554030. Free. No booking required.

Poetry-Music Collaborations Night 2

Beyond Childhood: Linda Lee Welch with Jackalope Tales

Time Is Running Out: Robin Vaughan-Williams with Ella Luk

Riverside Cafe Bar, 1 Mowbray Street, Sheffield S3 8EN

Tuesday 27th October, 8pm

Prize-winning poet, novelist, musician Linda Lee Welch reads and sings, with her band Jackalope Tales, a story made up of poetry, script and songs exploring growing up and childhood. Robin Vaughan-Williams and the Ella Luk music project's text-music piece follows two people on the run from the all-devouring trappings of modern life, propelled through a world of home improvements, burgeoning inboxes, and work-related stress.

Tickets £4/ £3 on the door. No pre-booking required.

Long Poem Celebration Night

Function Room, Red Deer, 18 Pitt Street, Sheffield S1 4DD

Saturday 31st October, 7.30pm

Long poems and sequences are often under-represented in the 'one-poem-a-page' magazines. 'The Long Poem Magazine' redresses the balance. Help them launch their second edition with readings by Linda Black, Lucy Hamilton, Anna Robinson and Ann Vaughan-Williams, supported by local poets Jim Caruth, Adele Geraghty, Andrew Hirst and Robin Vaughan-Williams. See www.longpoemmagazine.org.uk

Tickets £4/ £3 on the door. No pre-booking required.