

## April Newsletter 2007

Hello everyone!

We have a busy April here at THE SOUTH with the launch of our new creative writing workshops for spring at the Brighton Writers' Centre, and the Brighton Children's Book Festival on April 21, in partnership with Laura Atkins and the University of Brighton, sponsored by the Salariya Book Company. See below for more details.

We are spring cleaning our mailing list, and have decided that the best way to do this is to start from scratch! So if you would like to continue getting updates from us, please reply to ella@thesouth with 'Stay on mailing list' as the title by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Friends of THE SOUTH – don't worry, we will make sure you stay on!

Also for Friends – we look forward to seeing you on 3<sup>rd</sup> May for a special evening with Mick Jackson, writer-in-residence at Fabrica. And please don't forget to renew your friendship when your annual subscription runs out. You can renew online on our website.

Best wishes

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### EVENTS

#### **Poetry Reading at Kemptown Bookshop, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Challenge the fates and come out to hear some top new poetry performed by Bernadette Cremin, Naomi Foyle and top new poets including Iain Graham, Julia King and Diane Fernyhough. 5-6pm, Free entrance.

#### **Open Meeting – Brighton Poetry Festival, Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm Brighton Writers' Centre, 49 Grand Parade, Brighton BN2 9QA**

Are you involved in running poetry, spoken word, live lit and hip hop events in and around Brighton? Would you like to be part of this year's Brighton Poetry Festival from September 24-October 7<sup>th</sup> 2007? Come along to a no-commitment open meeting to find out more, network with contacts and colleagues and enjoy a free glass of wine. Please call Ella on 01273 571700 to let us know if you can make it.

#### **Poetry Café at Lewes Library, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Poetrypolice present an evening with Paul Matthews, author of *Sing Me the Creation* and *The Ground that Love Seeks* and founder of PoetryOtherwise. The evening will kick off with an open mic. 7.30 – 9.30 pm, £6/£4 entry, tickets sold on the door.

**THE SOUTH, Laura Atkins and the University of Brighton present**

**Brighton Children's Book Festival, University of Brighton, Grand Parade, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 10am-7pm**

An exciting full-day event celebrating and showcasing the vibrant children's book talent to be found in Brighton and the local southern region in a day of talks, readings and workshops by authors and artists. Highlights include John Agard, Grace Nichols, Emily Gravett, William Nicholson and John Vernon Lord. Workshops on a first come, first served basis included in the ticket price. Tickets for the day are £25/£20 concessions, Friends of THE SOUTH £20/£18, young people aged 10-16 (accompanied by an adult) £10. For details of the full-line up and bookings see <http://www.thesouth.org.uk/BrightonChildrensBookFestival.htm>

**Hot Stuff – Recent Reading upstairs at the Open House pub Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 8 pm**

Read something interesting lately? Found some little gems? Join us an evening of shared reading, whether poetry or prose, from 8 pm onwards. £1/Free for Friends.

**Brighton Poetry Society at the Sanctuary Café, Western Road, Hove, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Open mic for poetry and spoken word with musical interludes. Doors 8 pm, £4/£3 entry.

**Tall Lighthouse Poetry in association with THE SOUTH at the Earth & Stars pub, Windsor St, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Performances by Jacob Sam – le Rose and John McLaughlin plus open mic, 7.30 – 8.45 pm. Entry by voluntary contributions of £3/£2 to Tall Lighthouse.

**WORKSHOPS AT THE SOUTH**

**1. THE SOUTH at Fabrica (Fabrica, 40 Duke St, Brighton, BN1 1AG)**

Writing workshops held at Fabrica gallery, inspired by their new exhibition *Beneath the Stride of Giants* by sculptor Brian Griffiths. *Beneath the Stride of Giants* is a monumental boat, created from a collection of second hand wooden furniture. Workshops are suitable for all levels of writing experience.

**Thursday 19 April 7 - 9pm**

**The Big Boat**

A workshop on writing for children with children's literature specialist Laura Atkins.

**Wednesday 2 May 7 - 9pm**

**Wood Work**

Creative writing workshop with John Davies, aka Shedman. Close examination of the work on display to stimulate your writing. Shedman (aka John Davies) helps you go against the grain and open the door to new directions.

**Sunday 27 May , 11 am – 2 pm**

**Dreamship**

A workshop for visual artists and writers, using Griffith's sculpture as a starting point for writing. Led by Catherine Smith, highly acclaimed Next Generation poet.

Price: All workshops are £10/£9 concessions, Friends of THE SOUTH: £9/ £8 concessions except Dreamship, which is £15/£14 concessions, Friends of THE SOUTH: £14/£13. Location: Fabrica, 40 Duke St, Brighton, BN1 1AG  
Please book with Ella on 01273 571700 or e-mail [ella@thesouth.org.uk](mailto:ella@thesouth.org.uk).

## **2. COMING TO YOUR SENSES:**

### **A WORKOUT FOR WRITERS with Claire Collison**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 10 am – 1pm**

**Brighton Writers' Centre 49 Grand Parade, Brighton BN2 9QA**

Whatever level of writer you are, this very practical course is designed to workout ALL the senses in order to jump-start your imagination, trigger memory, access inspiration and hone your individual style. We will also be exploring how sensory writing evokes emotion and engages your reader.

**Claire Collison** spent fifteen years as a photographic artist before becoming a writer. Her short stories have been awarded various prizes, including the Woman's Own Short Story Competition, Virago/Marie Claire and the Bridport Prize. Claire's first novel, 'Treading Water', was short-listed for the Dundee Book Prize.

Number of places available: 10. Please note – this course will need a minimum of 8 participants to run.

**Price: £15 / £14 conc. Friends of THE SOUTH: £14 / £13 conc.**

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## **3. FOCUS AND DEVELOP:**

### **CREATIVE WRITING AND PHOTOGRAPHY with Claire Collison**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10 am – 1 pm**

**Brighton Writers' Centre 49 Grand Parade, Brighton BN2 9QA**

Whether you're already working on that novel/short story/memoir/poem or need inspiration to get started, this workshop will use photography to sharpen your focus and develop your writing. And you don't even need to own a camera. Using hands-on writing exercises, we'll be creating narratives that consider the impact of point of view, use framing and focus, help build original detail and develop an authentic voice. Plus we'll be exploring the wealth of inspiration to be had from found photos as well as the Family Album. Bring along pens, paper and (if you like) a photo you're happy to share.

Please see previous workshop for details about Claire.

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All workshops will take place at [Brighton Writers' Centre 49 Grand Parade, Brighton BN2 9QA](#) except for the workshops at Fabrica gallery. For more information and bookings please contact Ella at THE SOUTH on 01273 571700 or e-mail [ella@thesouth.org.uk](mailto:ella@thesouth.org.uk).

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **The Times Literary Supplement Poetry Competition 2007**

Deadline: midday, Friday May 4th 2007, To be judged by readers of The TLS

First prize: £2,000, Runners-up prizes: £750, £500 and £250. Poems may be in any style, on any subject. Entry Fee: £5 for first poem; £3 for each additional poem, to a maximum of five per entrant. For more details, go to <http://www.tls.timesonline.co.uk/section/0,,30789,00.html>

**Arvon Foundation for Creative Writing seeks Deputy Director (London)**

The Arvon Foundation is seeking an experienced, enthusiastic and motivated person to work as Deputy Director. For full details and an application pack please contact the Arvon London office on 020 7931 7611, email <mailto:london@arvonfoundation.org> or visit <http://www.arvonfoundation.org>  
The closing date for completed applications is 26th April. Interviews are expected to take place on 2nd May.

**Theatre Royal's UK Slam Championship – Call for applications**

Theatre Royal Stratford East is holding its second UK Slam Championship on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 June. The UK SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL will be held on Fri 29 June, which will see twenty nationwide poets competing against one another for one of ten places in the UK SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL on Sat 30 June. For an application form please contact Karen Fisher, Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, London E15 1BN, tel 020 8279 1173 or email [kfisher@stratfordeast.com](mailto:kfisher@stratfordeast.com).

**Brighton Children's Book Festival – Volunteers needed**

Please let us know if you can help out with the day on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>. We are looking for volunteer stewards to help with various activities such as welcoming visitors and selling tickets. Let us know if you can help on 01272 571 700.

**Sealion listings website – volunteers needed**

We're looking for people to help with updating the Sealion listings website, which can be done from home. Please contact John on 01273 571700 if you can lend a hand; any help is always much appreciated.

**EXTRAS**

If you have any items for the newsletter or would like to send through details of workshops, events and activities please contact [ella@thesouth.org.uk](mailto:ella@thesouth.org.uk).

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