

May Newsletter 2007

Hello everyone!

The Brighton Children's Book Festival at the University of Brighton was a great success in April, with over 70 people enjoying a range of inspiring and entertaining talks by some of the best in the children's book world. Thanks to everyone who was involved and who came along, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!

We also had a great *Hot Stuff* event at the Open House last week, and thanks to everyone who attended. A list of recommended reads will be posted on the website soon.

Plans are underway for the Brighton Poetry Festival, which will take place between September 24 – October 7 later this year. We will keep you posted, but please let us know if you'd like to be involved.

One last reminder - we are reorganising our mailing list, 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 11th May** if you haven't done so already. Friends of THE SOUTH – don't worry, we will make sure you stay on!

Friends – we look forward to seeing you this Thursday 3rd May for a special evening with Mick Jackson, writer-in-residence at Fabrica.

Best wishes

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EVENTS

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

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

Floetics at the Red Roaster, Tuesday 1st May

Spoken Word and stories at the Red Roaster café, St James St, from 8 pm.

The Brighton Moment at Sussex Arts Club, Wednesday 2nd May

The brightest and glitteriest of Brighton's literati take over the Arts Club ballroom for a one-night cabaret. Catch contributions from Julie Burchill, Alison MacLeod, Nicky Singer, Dave Swann and many more. The evening will be hosted by presenter and

writer Annabel Giles. £5, £4 concs, 7.30 PM (doors open at 7). Running time approx. 2 hours 45 mins.

Billy Childish & Gary Goodman – Preview & Poetry reading at HQ Gallery, Lewes, Friday 4th May

'humans who deny their most precious hearts and ferocious wild dogs'. During the Brighton Festival Billy Childish and Gary Goodman, artists and friends, will be showing their paintings together for the first time at the HQ Gallery. They will also be reading their poetry at the opening reception on Friday May 4th at 6pm. For further information call Sarah O'Kane (HQ Gallery) on 01273 487849.

Short Fuse Literary Club at Komedia's studio bar, Wednesday 9th May

In keeping with Brighton Festival, Fabula presents 'Local Colour' - an evening of regional celebration, in the form of four great short stories from local writers. 8.30pm. £3. For tickets and info call Tara 681896 or Polly 264816.

Everything you wanted to know about script development but were too afraid to ask... at Lighthouse, Wednesday 9th May

An evening of questions and answers with two of the most respected script executives in the country, Dan MacRae and Sarah Golding. Doors and bar open at 6.30pm, event from 7.30pm at Lighthouse, 28 Kensington Street, Brighton, BN1 4AJ Cost: £5/£4 concs. Please contact mail@lighthouse.org.uk to book a place.

Hammer and Tongue – BBC Radio 4 National Slam at Udderbelly on the Old Steine, Sunday 27th May

Hammer and Tongue, known for showcasing "performance poetry for the club generation", now play host to the BBC National Slam South-East heats. Winners of competitive Slams fight it out at the Udderbelly to determine the National Champion. Featuring a set from Californian poet, Derrick Brown. 1pm, £8/£6 concessions. See www.hammerandtongue.co.uk/main.htm for more details.

WRITING WORKSHOPS AT THE SOUTH

Woodwork with Shedman at Fabrica, Wednesday 2nd May

Creative writing workshop with John Davies, aka Shedman. What's the grain of your writing? Where are the rough edges? Work with John to hone your work and find new directions, inspired by Brian Griffiths' giant wooden boat, *Beneath the Stride of Giants*. Ideal for both beginners and experienced writers. Fabrica gallery, 40 Duke St, Brighton BN1 1AG, 7 -9 pm. £10/£9 concs or £9/£8 for Friends of THE SOUTH.

Dreamship at Fabrica, Sunday 27th May

A workshop for visual artists and writers at Fabrica gallery, using Brian Griffiths' sculpture *Beneath the Stride of Giants* as a starting point for writing. Led by Catherine Smith, highly acclaimed Next Generation poet. Fabrica gallery, 40 Duke St, Brighton BN1 1AG, 11 am – 2pm. £15/£14 concs, Friends of THE SOUTH: £14/£13.

Life Writing with Bridget Whelan - 8 weeks starting Wednesday 16th May

Want to record your family's history, recall the highlights of your career or write a memoir of your teen years? Whatever your reason, come to this 8-week course that will explore how to craft a story from real life experiences. Led by Bridget Whelan, prize-winning short story writer and freelance journalist. Eight Wednesdays, 16th May

– 4th July, 7-9 pm at Brighton Writers' Centre, 49 Grand Parade, Brighton BN2 9QA. £80/£75 concs, £75/70 Friends of THE SOUTH.

Creativity Coaching Workshop – Practical Tools for Writers, Saturday 9th June

Led by AnnA Rushton, an experienced author and creativity coach, this session will help you access to a way of working that brings real, fast results using the basic principles of coaching, and deal with issues such as how to structure your time and overcome creative blocks. 10 am – 1pm, £15/£14 concs, Friends of THE SOUTH £14/£13 concs.

For more information on any of these workshops or to book a place, please contact Ella on 01273 571700 or e-mail ella@thesouth.org.uk.

Poetry at West Dean College, Saturday 7th July

A Poetry Workshop led by award-winning poet, Linda France at 2-5 pm, experimenting with different ways to 'take reality by surprise'. Followed by an evening of poetry with Linda France, Brendan Cleary and Catherine Smith. £30 for workshop, £8 for poetry evening, including refreshments. Discounts available for Friends of THE SOUTH. Please contact West Dean College, Chichester, West Sussex for more information on 08444 994408.

OPPORTUNITIES

Vacancies at Apples & Snakes

Apples & Snakes, England's leading organisation for performance poetry, is recruiting for four new positions: Marketing Co-ordinator, Part Time Regional Co-ordinator, Part Time Incubate Co-ordinator and Part Time Fundraising Officer. Deadline is 14th May. For more details, go to www.applesandsnakes.org.

Volunteers wanted at THE SOUTH

We are looking for some volunteers to work as interns at our small and friendly office at the Brighton Writers' Centre for a few hours a week. Duties will include basic office work, updating databases and helping organise events. A great opportunity to gain some arts admin experience. Please contact Ella if you're interested.

New Writing Ventures 2007

The 2007 New Writing Awards are open to unpublished writers of fiction, poetry and creative non-fiction. The winners each receive £3,000 as well as a year long creative mentoring programme with The Literary Consultancy, www.literaryconsultancy.co.uk, and the two runners up in each category receive £1,000. Closing date is Thursday 31 May. For more information please visit www.newwritingpartnership.org.uk/ventures.

EXTRAS

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