

FORWORDS 62, Sat 18 Nov 2006

Spoken word, poetry, live literature events in the Sheffield area for the coming month. For information on forwords, listings and subscriptions, visit <http://access-space.org/forwords/>. See below for NEWS and LISTINGS.

## NEWS

-The Hyperliterature Exchange (<http://hyperex.co.uk/>)  
Features a large collection of electronic literature, cyberliterature, hypertext, new media literature, nonlinear literature, digital poetry, Flash poetry, and so on, particularly work self-published by its authors or brought out by small independent publishers and writers' cooperatives. Reviews and works for sale.

## LISTINGS

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Saturday 18 November

-Ruskin Hall Variety Nights (cabaret)  
8pm-12am, Walkley Community Centre, 7a Fir Street, Walkley (£8)

Top cabaret acts, fun and frolics. Tonight features: Goronwy Thom—feats of flashy flare from the strangest name in showbusiness; Matt Black—Sheffield's top performance poet entertains with his sensitivity-o-meter; Swizzle Shaker—styled in 1940s Hollywood, an action-packed cocktail of magic, dance, and comedy. One of the country's finest cabaret acts. Plus regular slots from your comperes, ushers, dorkeepers, and disc spinners. No contact details.

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Sunday 19 November

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests  
8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street, Sheffield (bottom of Corporation St, over from Kelham Island) (free)

Welcoming all manners of performance, from poets to speakers to players, every Sunday. We are also looking for local artists to exhibit each week: paintings, photographs, and the like. All is everything! Lineup tbc. For info and slots contact <[opus-creations@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:opus-creations@hotmail.co.uk)> or visit [www.myspace.com/opus-hyphenproductions](http://www.myspace.com/opus-hyphenproductions).

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Saturday 25 November

-Rare'n'Racy benefit gig  
upstairs room of Rare n Racy

\*\*\*This event is not confirmed - please call number below for details\*\*\*

Poetry reading utilising ladders and horns for speech. Should be a laugh – any readers/speakers interested in performing contact Tim on 07814188300

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Sunday 26 November

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests  
8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street, Sheffield (bottom of Corporation St, over from Kelham Island). Free entry.

See 19 Nov for details.

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Wednesday 29 November

-Skin of the River: Poems from Dun Fields  
9pm, Trippets Wine Bar, Trippet Lane, Sheffield (£?)

A performance of work of and about the River Don by Chris Jones and Rob Hindle (additional voices by Ray Hearne). Chris Jones spent nine months during 2005 considering the landscapes of the River Don as it swung through Sheffield. The resulting poems were collected in the pamphlet *\_At the End of the Road, a River\_*. He will be reading with a specially commissioned soundtrack by theonlymichael. Rob Hindle's *\_Some Histories of the Sheffield Flood 1864\_* confronts the circumstances of the disaster through glimpses of the lives and ends of

victims of the Flood. A winner of the 2006 Templar Poetry Pamphlet Competition. For more details contact [cwjones@mac.com](mailto:cwjones@mac.com).

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Sunday 3 December

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests  
8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street,  
Sheffield (bottom of Corporation St, over from  
Kelham Island). Free entry.

See 19 Nov for details.

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Tuesday 5 December

-Sticky Bun Writers: A Tale of Two Laureates  
7.30pm, upstairs in the Rutland Hotel, 86  
Brown Street, Sheffield centre (2 mins from the  
Showroom).

Under the auspices of Nottingham's Five Leaves  
poetry press we have 'A Tale of Two Laureates'.  
Former Birmingham Poet Laureate Sybil Ruth  
joins current Derbyshire Poet Laureate Cathy  
Grindrod in reading from their latest collections  
and talking about the Poet Laureate schemes.  
Sybil Ruth's collection is 'I could Become that  
Woman'; Cathy's is 'Still Breathing'. Enquiries  
to Jenny King, [ednjenny.king@btinternet.com](mailto:ednjenny.king@btinternet.com)  
or 0114 236 6225.

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Sunday 10 December

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests  
8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street,  
Sheffield (bottom of Corporation St, over from  
Kelham Island). Free entry.

See 19 Nov for details.

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Tuesday 12 December

-Spoken Word Antics  
8.30pm, upstairs at the Red Deer on Pitt St,  
Sheffield. Turn off West St. onto Mappin St.,  
and Pitt St. is the second on the left. £1  
donations.

An open mic without the mic: poetry, stories,  
urban fairytales, and more.... Spoken Word  
Antics is a friendly and informal evening. If  
you'd like to perform any kind of spoken word,  
fiction or fact, your own or somebody else's, let  
us know on the night. For more info email  
<[antics@lowtech.org](mailto:antics@lowtech.org)>, phone 07968 251 896,  
or visit the website: <[http://access-  
space.org/antics/](http://access-space.org/antics/)>.

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Wednesday 13 December

-Words Aloud  
7pm, Runaway Girl, 111 Arundel Street,  
Sheffield (near Hallam Uni. city campus) (free)

Up to three minutes to read anything you like!  
Words Aloud is a celebration of the spoken  
word for writers (old hands and first-timers,  
dabbling poets, bloggers, copywriters,  
journalists...all wordsmiths), readers, speakers,  
or anyone with a passing interest in words.  
Whether it's a poem, a script extract, comedy  
writing, a short story, an advertising strapline,  
match report, blog or even, erm, a recipe for  
chicken and ham pie - all styles, ages and  
abilities are welcome. We'll be supplying a  
books trolley (Mrs O style) on the night for  
people who don't know what to read. And  
there'll be a few surprises too. Enquiries to Iain:  
[wordsaloud@theworkshop.co.uk](mailto:wordsaloud@theworkshop.co.uk).