

FORWORDS 69, Fri 23 Mar 2007

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/>.

LISTINGS

Sunday 25 March

-John Cooper Clarke

The Boardwalk, Snig Hill, Sheffield centre (£15! contact box office for times and tickets: 0870 1451207)

In a vain attempt at bourgeois credibility, Manchester's sharp-dressed, sharp-delivering punk poet Lenny, changed his name to John Cooper Clarke and embarked on a polysyllabic excursion though Thrillsville. Clad in the slum chic of the hipster, he issued the slang anthems of the zip age in the desperate esperanto of bop. Expect a mix of hilarious anecdotes of life in a Northern town interspersed with machine-gun fast delivery of some of his best poems. 'If you think poetry is dull and boring, or posh and erudite - you haven't seen JCC!'

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests

8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street, Sheffield (bottom of Corporation St, over from Kelham Island). Free entry.

Every Sunday Opus entertain The Riverside Cafe for an evening of Free entertainment. The Riverside Bar is a contemporary pub offering numerous spirits, lagers & real ales; beautifully set along side the River Don. Opus bring to you many different guests and friends each week. Music on the night from Adam Went, Dabbsy, and Anna Louisa (see www.opus-productions.co.uk for details). For info and slots contact [<opus-creations@hotmail.co.uk>](mailto:opus-creations@hotmail.co.uk).

Monday 26 March

-Jim Caruth book launch

8pm, Trippets Wine Bar, Trippet Lane, Sheffield S1 4EL (free)

A special reading to celebrate the launch of Jim Caruth's first and award-winning collection of poetry, 'A Stone's Throw'.

Tuesday 27 March

-Private view: In their own words...

6-8pm, END Gallery, Sheffield Hallam University, Psalter Lane, Sheffield

Nine artists, nine poets and nine jewellers were invited to participate in an exhibition about words and texts in art galleries. The resulting exhibition juxtaposes the work of practitioners all too rarely placed on the same platform.

Participants: Julie Ashworth, Jivan Astfalck, Dave Ball, Elizabeth Callinicos, Lin Cheung, John Clark, Martyn Crucefix, Alec Finlay, Shelby Fitzpatrick, Rachel Garfield, Mark Goodwin, Mark Gubb, Sarah Hannah, Maria Hanson, Chris Jones, Julia Keyte, David Kirshner, Anna Lorenz, Simon Morris, Ilona Niemi, Simone Nolden, Mario Petrucci, Joanne Pond, Tony Rickaby, Fiona Sampson, Matthew Sweeney, Pam Thompson, Julian Walker

The exhibition runs from 27 March to 6 April and the gallery is open weekdays 10am-6pm.

-Creatovate (www.creatovate.com)

The Showroom Cafe, Paternoster Row, Sheffield centre (free, contact creatovate@hotmail.co.uk for times)

CreatOvate produces cabaret style events that showcase work from individuals who are under-represented whilst also presenting more established performers. CreatOvate events challenge and entertain. We hope that each audience member who comes to see an event for one act will be inundated with many other acts inadvertently. Email creatovate@hotmail.co.uk for times and other more details.

Sunday 1 April

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests

8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street, Sheffield (bottom of Corporation St, over from Kelham Island). Free entry.

See 25 March for details.

Wednesday 4 April

-Words Aloud

7.35-9.30pm (bar till 12), 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. Enquiries to Iain: wordsaloud@theworkshop.co.uk.

Thursday 5 April

-Spoken Word Antics radio show

9-10pm, www.sheffieldlive.org.uk

Think Lakeland cowboys! Matt Clegg belts out his Lake District haikus to the gentle and responsive sounds of Simon Heywood on guitar. Jeff Cottrill, guest at March's Antics, performs several spoken word pieces (including 'How to Write and Perform a Slam Poem' and the entirely reflexive 'Review of this Piece') and talks about his work, the Perpetual Motion Roadtour, and why his last trip outside Canada ended in 'disaster and humiliation'. Plus another chance to hear Margot Douaihy's poems and her Antics interview, which we weren't able to fit into last month's show.

Tuesday 10 April

-Spoken Word Antics: open mic + guests Nell Farrell and River Wolton

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.

This month's guests are Nell Farrell and River Wolton, plus the usual open mic. Spoken Word Antics is an open space for all kinds of spoken word, and a friendly and informal evening. If you'd like to perform something (poetry, stories, urban fairytales, etc, things that really did or didn't happen), your own or somebody else's, just let us know on the night. More details on access-space.org/antics.