

QUEENSLAND POETRY FESTIVAL

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FRI 28TH AUGUST ROCKETS

■ DIRTY JEANS WORKSHOP

Air your dirty laundry. Join Elisa Biagini (Italy) to explore the links between art and words. In this visual poetry workshop you will explore the work of contemporary artists & poets such as Roni Horn, Jenny Holzer, and Ketty La Rocca as well as writing an original text and then creating a poetry installation with it

Queensland Writers Centre

10am – 1pm

Cost \$50 Limited numbers

Bookings Essential via qldpoetry@gmail.com



ELISA BIAGINI

■ ONE CROWDED HOUR

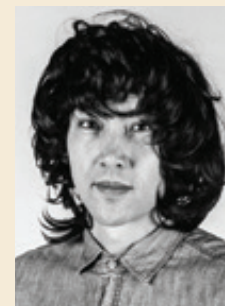
2015 Poetry Awards

See this year's shooting stars as we announce the winner of the Arts Queensland Awards & the Philip Bacon Ekphrasis Award, with feature guests Elisa Biagini and Tessa Leon. MC'd by your head astronomers Annie Te Whiu & David Stavanger

JWC Shopfront

6pm – 7pm Drinks & strings from 5.30pm

FREE



QUAN

■ WALKING ON A DREAM

Watch poetry defy gravity with electronic wordsmith Michael Farrell, sonic explorer Seja, space junk priestess Kate Durbin (US), Vulcana Circus with Ali Cobby Eckermann, time traveller Quan (Regurgitator) in solo flight mode, spoken word moonwalker C.R. Avery (Canada) and your MC co-pilots Fanciful Fiction Auxiliary

JWC Theatre, 7.30pm – 10.00pm

Tickets from \$18 – \$25

SAT 29TH AUGUST COMETS

■ THE NEW BRAVES



MACGILLIVRAY

What is the poetry of the future clans? Join three contemporary Scottish poets who draw on identity while playing with traditional forms and tomorrow's language. Featuring Ryan Van Winkle, William Letford, and MacGillivray

Presented by Creative Scotland

JWC Theatre

5pm – 6pm

FREE

■ HARA-KARAOKE

This is the real reason TISM couldn't do Eurovision. Join TISM front man Damian Cowell for an exclusive Brisbane performance of his acclaimed Melbourne Comedy Festival show

JWC Shopfront

6.30pm – 7.30pm

Tickets from \$18 – \$20



DAMIAN COWELL

■ THE KING IS DEAD



RIVERMOUTH

A night of local and international Hip-Hop featuring Australian Poetry Slam Champion Omar Musa (*Here Come the Dogs*), Brisbane's own Rivermouth, beatboxers Hope One (NZ) and C.R. Avery (Canada), a special performance by the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts with Kate Durbin, and your host with the most MC BustyBeatz

JWC Theatre, 8pm – 10.30pm

Tickets from \$12 – \$14

SUN 30TH AUGUST SOLAR FLARES

■ HOWZAT!

Join 'Australia's greatest living poet' Les Murray in his only Brisbane appearance as he reads from his new collection *Waiting for the Past* and discusses what the future holds with The Courier Mail's Arts Editor, Phil Brown

JWC Theatre

10.45am – 11.30am

Tickets from \$12 – \$14



LES MURRAY

■ TREATY

Hear from some of our nation's proudest and finest Aboriginal voices. Co-presented by **black&write!** featuring Marie Munkara, award-winning author Ellen van Neerven (*Heat and Light*), Ali Cobby Eckermann and the fierce joy of Lionel Fogarty

JWC Theatre

12pm – 1pm

FREE

■ #WANDERINGCLOUD

Brings forth the cycles of rain. A multi-arts collaboration that pays homage to those affected by flood. Featuring Clocked Out Duo, performance poet Klare Lanson, songstress Andree Cozens & artist Jacques Soddell. This semi-improvised work finds lyrical beauty through the use of toy instruments, discarded object percussion, spoken word, mobile phones, soundscape, song and live visual mixing

JWC Theatre

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Tickets from \$12 – \$14

SPOKEN WORD & SLAM STARS

■ BATTLE SCARS:

SlammED! Final

QPF's first ever Youth Slam. Heats to be held in 8 SE QLD schools, 16 students face off to see who will get their poetic licence in 2015. Hosted by QPF's teacher-poet Simon Kindt & featuring Scottish wunderkid Billy Letford

Presented in partnership with State Library of Queensland

JWC Theatre

Sat 29th Aug 10am – 11.30am

FREE

■ CAN I GET A MOMENT!

WORKSHOP

Mayda Del Valle (US) makes 'words burst forth like a comet streaking across a nighttime sky.' She has appeared on Broadway and on 6 episodes of Russell Simmons HBO Def Poetry Jam, made Oprah's first ever 'O Power List', and has performed at the White House. A spoken word workshop like no other – learn how to bend poems at your will



MAYDA DEL VALLE

Queensland Writers Centre

Sun 30th Aug 10am – 12pm

Cost \$50, limited numbers

Bookings Essential via qldpoetry@gmail.com

■ YOU'RE THE VOICE

Australian Poetry Slam - Queensland State Final

After 6 heats around the state, the final 12 bring the noise to see who will be going to the national final at the Sydney Opera House. Featuring Performance Poetry World champion Rebecca Rushbrook and Mayda Del Valle, with Australia's best dressed MC Adam Hadley

JWC Theatre

Sunday 30th Aug 8pm – 10pm

Tickets from \$12 – \$14

QUEENSLAND POETRY FESTIVAL

LANGUAGE IS A VIRUS

2015 AUGUST 28 – 30

JUDITH WRIGHT CENTRE OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS

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"LANGUAGE IS A VIRUS FROM OUTER SPACE"

William S. Burroughs

WHAT HAPPENS TO WORDS IN SPACE?

This was the premise with which we approached our first year as Co-Directors of the Queensland Poetry Festival, as it celebrates its 19th anniversary.

In *Back to the Future II*, Dr Emmett Brown foresaw from the front seat of the DeLorean that in 2015 there would be video glasses, hands-free computer games, the iPad, and face-time phone calls. And while flying cars and shoelaces that tie themselves are still just blueprints, we have some predictions of our own.

QPF 2015 sees chief scientist and Arts Queensland Poet in Residence, Kate Durbin, work with mediums such as selfies and YouTube to challenge the underlying assumptions of form. As Burroughs said, language is a virus from outer space. And poetry is its mutant strain, carried on the air, constantly evolving regardless of the past or the present.

Come along to QPF 2015 for three days of poetry that defies the space-time continuum including spoken word, film, performance, politics, installations, gaming, slam, comedy, launches, hip-hop, book clubs, music, circus and suitcase rummage to see if poetry can live on other planets.

With much thanks to the QPF Board & Committee, the QLD Poetry Community, and to those poets who risk breathing in space without a mask.

Annie Te Whiu & David Stavanger
Queensland Poetry Festival Co-Directors

FRIDAY 28th AUGUST

SHOPFRONT

One Crowded Hour

6pm – 7pm
(drinks & strings from 5.30pm)

Official Opening
Arts Queensland Poetry Awards
Philip Bacon Ekphrasis Award

MC's Annie Te Whiu & David Stavanger
See over for details

THEATRE

Walking On A Dream

7.30pm – 10pm

Join Michael Farrell, Kate Durbin, Seja, Quan (Regurgitator), C.R. Avery and Ali Cobby Eckermann with Vulcana Circus as they open the Queensland Poetry Festival 2015

MC's Fanciful Fiction Auxillary
See over for details



C.R. AVERY



KATE DURBIN

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST

SHOPFRONT

My People

9.30am – 10.30am

Meet the people behind Brisbane's open mics. Des Skordilis, Angela Peita, Reverend Hellfire & JdUb join MC Matt Hetherington

Man Overboard

11am – 12pm

Readings by Carmen Leigh Keates & Sarah Holland-Batt (*The Hazards*)

+ Fence Post Press launches Helen Avery's *Loosely Defined*

Machines Can do the Work

12.30pm – 1.30pm

What is the future of poetry? MC Justin Clemens leads Michael Farrell, Karina Quinn & the 2014 Prime Minister's Literary Award winner Melinda Smith into the portal

Hook Me Up

2pm – 3pm

Electric readings by Ivy Alvarez (NZ) & Klare Lanson & electronic sounds by Scraps

Ordinary Angels

3.45pm – 5pm

Angela Gardner reads, Alice Night sings to the light

+ Ali Cobby Eckermann launches *Inside My Mother*

Damian Cowell's Hara-Karaoke

6.30pm – 7.30pm

The real reason TISM didn't do Eurovision

See over for details

QPF Up Late: Quasimodo's Dream

10pm – 11pm

Enter the night lens of David Lynch as Elisa Biagini, Ivy Alvarez, Adam Hadley, Angela Meyer, Damian Cowell, Pascale Burton & more read cut ups from the subconscious



KRISSY KNEEN

THEATRE

Battle Scars

Slammed! Final

10am – 11.30am

featuring William Letford (Scotland)
See over for details

Listen Like Thieves

12pm – 1pm

Poets that steal the very night. Nyien Way (Myanmar), Omar Musa & Elisa Biagini (Italy)

Know Your Product

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Readings by award-winning poets M.T.C. Cronin, David Brooks & Melinda Smith

Thomas Shapcott Book Launch

3pm – 3.45pm

UQP launch 2014's Thomas Shapcott Award winning manuscript, Krissy Kneen's *Eating My Grandmother* including a documentary screening

The New Braves – Scotland

5pm – 6pm

Performances by William Letford, MacGillvray & Ryan Van Winkle
See over for details

The King Is Dead

8pm – 10.30pm

Hope One (NZ), C.R. Avery (Canada), Rivermouth, Aboriginal Centre of Performing Arts with Kate Durbin Omar Musa & DJ, with the night's MC BustyBeatz on the decks
See over for details

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST

IMA SCREENING ROOM or OTHER AS LISTED

What's My Scene?

Judith Wright Centre Forecourt

9am – 12pm

QPF's first ever Suitcase Rummage with roving poets

Beautiful Sharks

10am – 10.30am

1on1 David Brooks swims in the deep end with Jonathan Hadwen

Beautiful People

11.30am – 12.30pm

Hit us with your best shot @ the SELFIE Slam

Computer Games

1pm – 2pm

Poetry meets Playstation. Calling all gamers to decode Alinta Krauth's *An Argument in Parallel Incompleteness*

Truly, Madly, Deeply

JWCOCA Foyer

Saturday

2pm – 3pm

Sunday

11.30am – 12.30pm

1pm – 2pm

Take a seat with Tessa Leon at Judith Wright's writing desk, making love letters to the living. Paper heart meets pen



HENRY, DAVID BROOKS, JONATHON

Polyester Girl Workshop

34 Berwick St, Fortitude Valley

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Cross the road to Poly Gone Cowboy to print a Quan original on a take home t-shirt for \$10. Limited spaces. Email qldpoetry@gmail.com to book

Jive Talkin'

2.30pm – 3pm

1on1 Justin Stephenson joins Lance Sinclair to cut up poetry & film

The Boys Light Up

Brunswick Street Mall

4pm – 5pm

Explore the male psyche. HELLO SELFIE live & interactive on the mall with Kate Durbin

A Beat for You

6pm – 6.30pm

Punk meets DIY zombie poetry. m0zach live from the basement.

Lucy Can't Dance

7pm – 8pm

Can poets groove? DJ Zaziz hits the decks, you bring the bad moves

Get Thee To A Nunnery

8.30pm – 9.30pm

Get undressed to confess at the Naked Poets Open Mic with Krissy Kneen & screening of Jr Belle's *Uprising Pact* (Brazil). **Note: clothes optional**

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST

SHOPFRONT

What About Me?

10.30am – 11.30am

QPF's 2015 emerging voices Tessa Rose, Stuart Barnes, Anna Jacobson, Yasmin Smith & Daniel Grey give Sunday the kick inside

Who Listens To The Radio?

12pm – 1pm

QPF's first ever short-form book club. Join Angela Meyer, Krissy Kneen, Ryan Van Winkle & Felicity Plunkett as they discuss poetry & flash fiction that have lit up their page

Better The Devil You Know

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Readings by Vanessa Page, Michael Farrell & David Brooks

Women in Uniform

3pm – 4pm

Wigs in space, where poetry meets performance art. Karina Quinn, 24 Hour Gym & Kate Durbin

Don't Go Now

4.30pm – 5pm

In space, no one hears guitars scream. Brisbane's Extinction of Animals

Electric Blue

5.30pm – 6.45pm

There is a place where all the planets meet. This is that place. Fanciful Fiction Auxiliary, C.R. Avery & Tessa Leon in cabaret mode



THE COMPLETE WORKS

THEATRE

Ego Is Not A Dirty Word

10am – 10.30am

QPF Co-Director David Stavanger mines Mr Clive Palmer as he shares his dreams, hopes & reflections including a rare poetry reading

Howzat!

10.45am – 11.30am

The Courier Mail's Phil Brown sits down with our nation's poetic treasure, Les Murray
See over for details

Treaty

12pm – 1pm

Ellen van Neerven, Marie Munkara, Ali Cobby Eckermann & Lionel Fogarty
See over for details

FOR FULL BIOS & INFO ON SATELLITE EVENTS GO TO
www.queenslandpoetryfestival.com

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST

THEATRE continued

Pleasure & Pain

1.30pm – 2.30pm

The fine lines of Ivy Alvarez, Angela Meyer & MacGillvray (Scotland)

Take the Weather With You

Special Event: #wanderingcloud

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Klare Lanson + Clock Out
See over for details

Into The Galaxy

Film World Premier:

The Complete Works

6.30pm – 7.30pm

15 years in the making, Canadian Justin Stephenson presents his film *The Complete Works* exploring the work of avant-garde poet bpNichol
Supported by the Canada Council

You're The Voice

Australian Poetry Slam - QLD Final

8pm – 10pm

The last shout. Featuring Mayda Del Valle, Rebecca Rushbrook & your MC Adam Hadley
See over for details



24 HOUR GYM

IMA SCREENING ROOM or OTHER AS LISTED

Chandelier

10am – 10.30am

Chloë Callistemon presents film loops based on the maverick star bright that was Judith Wright, in this her centenary year

No Secrets

11.30am – 12.30pm

Four stranger's stories shared through headphones. Sitting face to face. Daniele Constance's *People of Interest* is storytelling without borders

Bedroom Eyes

1pm – 1.30pm

Kate Durbin takes you down YOUTUBE lane, from kittens to Kanye

The Horses

2.30pm – 2.45pm

Mr Ocean goes deep sea diving with poetry & PowerPoint

Mysterious Girl

3pm – 3.30pm

1on1 Mayda Del Valle (US) gets down with Mz BustyBeatz

Tip of My Tongue

4pm – 4.30pm

1on1 QPF Co-Director Annie Te Whiu in conversation with Nyein Way

Torn

JWCOCA Foyer

5.45pm – 6.15pm

1on1 Elisa Biagini & Nathan Shepherdson discuss Italy's finest lines & wines

Somebody That I Used To Know

8pm – 10pm

With special permission from the Weir family, QPF will be screening the Australian classic, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. Join film fans Kate Durbin & Lance Sinclair & PJ's, pizza & popcorn welcome