

Hi there, and welcome to your MAY 2008 Newsletter!

New Writing Live

>> Live Letter: Your monthly update on Live Literature in the East

EVENTS

FRI 2nd – SUN 4th

**Poetry-next-the-Sea Festival
Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk**

The programme for Poetry-next-the-Sea 2008 has now been finalised, and includes readings, workshops, our popular Schools Reading, and an open floor event at which the winner of our first Open Poetry Competition will be announced. We hope there is something for all ages and tastes, and look forward to seeing you in Wells-next-the-Sea in May. Programme includes: Gillian Beer, Kevin Crossley-Holland, Stop Sharpening Your Knives, Martin Figura, Jacob Polley, Michael Laskey and much more.

For a full programme and booking information visit [Wells-next-the-Sea](#)

FRI 2nd

**An Evening with Axis of Evil - Norwich
Norwich Arts Centre – £7/5 – 8pm**

Local comedy masterminds return with new show, Sh*tty Deal Puppet Theatre Company's Complete Guide to Arts. A multi-media evening of comedy, featuring Special Guests poetry smashers 12-Gauge, bad idea viking Sven Forkbeard, and the world premier of Ezra Productions' new film, Lying Low.

[Visit Norwich Arts Centre](#)

WEDS 7th

**Cabaret – Norwich
The Birdcage, Pottergate - £1 – 9pm**

Scissors paper stone present the first cabaret of the month, with music, poetry, comedy and competitions. A candlelit feast of local performance talent, featuring poet Amy Staniforth, writer Paul Knight and local musicians.

***Cabaret is weekly, every Wednesday at The Birdcage ***

[Visit scissors paper stone cabaret](#)

MON 12th

**Café Writers – Norwich
Jurnets Bar, Wensum Lodge, King Street**

Café Writers reconvene for their May meeting. Featuring poets Susan Utting and Jo Kjaer.

[Visit Café Writers](#)

TUES 13th

**CB1 Poetry – Cambridge
Michaelhouse - £5/3 – 8pm**

CB1 present Susan Utting (Peterloo Poetry Prize 2007 winner, Poetry

Business prize, Forward Best Single Poem commendation), support from Will Stone, plus floor spots.

[Visit CB1 Poetry](#)

TUES 13th

The Melting Pot – Great Yarmouth

Café Nova, George Street - £2 – 8pm

A cabaret night at Cafe Nova in Great Yarmouth's Broad Row area, featuring local, national & international artists, and with a focus on providing entertainment for East Anglia's migrant-worker community. Whether you're from Romford or Riga, Dubrovnik or Dublin, 'The Melting Pot' offers a creative space for musicians, comedians, writers, poets & artists at all levels of ability, as well as some of the finest tapas in the UK.

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FRI 16th

Poetry Wivenhoe – Wivenhoe, Colchester

Venue tbc – featuring Jude Simpson/ Sheena Salmon

Jude's work blends 'insightful observational comedy with poetry, rap and song'. She has been described as 'Pam Ayres on acid... a cross between Eminem and Joyce Grenfell'. Sheena gave electrifying performances at last year's Amazing Wivenhoe May Festival and is back by popular demand.

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THE POETRY LINK: MAY 2008

The Poetry Link is a regional touring network, bringing you the very best performance poets and spoken word artists on the UK scene. Our May line-up features verbal architect and Kate Nash support act **Dockers MC** with the fresh lyrical stylings and wicked sense of humour of **MC Angel...**

SUN 18th

Sundown – Southend

The Royal Hotel Ballroom – £3 – 6.30pm

Hosted by Jo Overfield, the Sundown team bring you the Southend leg of the Poetry Link, with Fassbinder supporting.

www.sundownmultimedia.co.uk

MON 19th

The Monday Night Alternative – Norwich

Norwich Arts Centre - £5/4 – 8pm

The Norwich stop of the tour, The Monday Night Alternative, is hosted by Channel 4's Tim Clare, with Inua Ellams supporting.

www.norwichartscentre.co.uk

TUES 20th

Speakeasy – Peterborough

The Glass Onion - £2 – 8pm

The Peterborough leg of the tour brings you supporting acts Jenny Orr, Summer Mooed and Bev Walsh.

<http://www.myspace.com/speakeasypoetry>

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THURS 29th**Café Poets – Bury St Edmunds****The Lounge, Hatter Street - £3.50 – 7.30pm**

A new poem only proves itself when its author speaks it publicly for the first time. This requires a small act of bravery, and a sympathetic audience. The Cafe Poets Group is an informal, friendly listening post for working poets and poetry lovers from the locality.

To read a poem T: 01284 767728, E: cafepoets@apora.co.uk

OPPORTUNITIES**Seeking short stories**

This year's Ip-Art Festival in Ipswich are running a short story competition as part of their programme of literature events. Deadline is Friday 16th May. For more information download the [Ip-Art Short Story Competition](#) details.

Norfolk events seek spoken word artists

Two Norfolk based weekly cabaret clubs are seeking performers to take up the mic. Both The Melting Pot in Great Yarmouth and Cabaret @ The Birdcage in Norwich are successful weekly events, which showcase poetry, prose, music and more from local and national performers.

Get in touch:

The Melting Pot, Great Yarmouth - Tel/Text: 07748 394667 | [Visit the website](#)
Cabaret @ The Birdcage – Email birdcage_cabaret@yahoo.co.uk

NEWS**The Poetry Link tour a success**

The launch of this new poetry tour for the East of England, supported by New Writing Live, took place in April and was a huge success. The tour visited Southend, Norwich and Peterborough and showcased some top national acts

including; Kat Francois, Ross Sutherland, Byron Vincent, John Osbourn, Joe Dunthorne, Penny Sailor Poetry and Rachel Pantechnicon. Don't miss the next leg of the tour in May, featuring Dockers MC and MC Angel. If you would like to write a review for the next Newsletter in June then email us: info@newwritinglive.org

A Pound of Poetry's final show

A Pound of Poetry has been running since February in Colchester, and celebrated its final event on 23rd April. Along the way, this unique poetry event featured artists such as Hannah Walker, Drew Taylor, Yanny Mac and My Dark Aunt, as well as local musicians and open mic. After the success of this event, New Writing Live plan to re-launch in September 2008, so watch this space for more news! In the meantime, to get your Colchester based poetry fix don't miss Poetry Wivenhoe events and readings at The University of Essex. For more info visit our website or email us.

Pulse Festival Ipswich 08

This year's Pulse Festival in Ipswich starts at the end of May and runs throughout June. A cultural explosion of literature, theatre, visual arts and comedy, tickets are now on sale. Full literature listings will come up in our June newsletter.

[Visit Pulse](#)

LIVE LIT PROFILE

Each month we take a look at either a live literature artist performing in this region, a regional producer, a local word festival or an upcoming event. This month we are profiling **New Writing Worlds 08, Human:Nature**

New Writing Worlds 08, Human:Nature is a literary festival based in Norwich and Norfolk from June 15-20. The festival features leading international writers such as Nobel prize winner JM Coetzee, Pulitzer prize winner CK Williams; Wales' First National Poet Gwyneth Lewis; Antarctic chronicler and Guggenheim recipient Gretel Ehrlich; prolific novelist Adam Thorpe; Jay Griffiths (recently shortlisted for the Orwell prize) and many more.

This year's programme sees Coetzee giving a reading at UEA, an afternoon of readings and events at the Bishop's Garden in Norwich, Live Literature and music, a debate at the Norwich Playhouse and much more.

The Human:Nature theme for 2008 focuses on the environment - offering organizers New Writing Partnership the opportunity to bring together the region's two areas of excellence in the fields of the Environmental Impact and Creative Writing.

New Writing Worlds Event Diary 15 – 20 June

SUN 15th

An Afternoon at the Bishop's Garden

Norwich Cathedral, Norwich, £2.50 pay on door. In partnership with the RSPB.

Featuring Jay Griffiths, Richard Mabey, Mark Cocker, Joanna Guthrie and Charles Rangle-Wilson. An afternoon of readings and family activities in the beautiful private garden of the Bishop's residence.

MON 16th

Future Imperfect? The Debate

Norwich Playhouse, 8 pm

Featuring Giles Foden (UEA), Professor Andrew Watson (UEA), Graham Creelman OBE, Ian Gibson (MP), amongst others.

Leading writers, scientists, and local politicians and activists examine the current threat to the planet, and what, if anything, the creative imagination can contribute to the debate.

PLUS: Reading @ The Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Express Area, Norwich. 5 – 6 pm; **Mimi Khalvati and Adam Thorpe**

TUES 17th

Turning up the Temperature

Norwich Arts Centre, St Benedict's Street, Norwich, 8 pm

With spoken word artist Ben Mellor, award-winning poet Kei Miller and singer/songwriter Samia Malik. An evening of spoken word and performance at the Norwich Arts Centre.

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WEDS 18th

Connecting Worlds

Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Art, 5 – 8 pm.

Featuring Mia Couto, Jose E Agualusa, Geoff Dyer and Gretel Ehrlich.

Worlds Writers readings, talks, exhibition and City of Refuge film poems.

THURS 19th

JM Coetzee

Lecture Theatre 1, UEA box office, 7.30

Coetzee reads from his work at the University of East Anglia.

PLUS: Reading @ The Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Express Area, Norwich. 5 – 6 pm; **Tishani Doshi, Tijs Goldschmidt and Jonty**

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FRI 20th

Reading @ The Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library

The Express Area, Norwich. 5 – 6 pm

Writers TBC

For full event listings and booking information, visit [New Writing Worlds](#), which is part of the New Writing Partnership.

SUBMISSIONS

Artists, producers and venues

You can upload your artist, venue or producer profile onto the New Writing Live website in just a couple of clicks. Your online profile can be browsed by those interested in live literature in the East.

Events

Don't forget to add your event to our online listing and for inclusion in the monthly e- bulletin by visiting the website.

News & opportunities

If you'd like to share any news or opportunities with us then email the details to info@newwritinglive.org.

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