

“The occurrence of sound / stitches us into the solitude / of togetherness”

- THOMAS SHAPCOTT,
'Nocturne'

Welcome to the 18th annual Queensland Poetry Festival : *spoken in one strange word.*

QPF is a celebration of language, of the spark that ignites in the space between the poem and the listener. Featuring over forty of the finest poets and spoken word artists from around Australia and across the seas, QPF embraces the poetic arts in all of its guises. Telling tales from Somalia to Singapore, of love lost and found, between sound and rhythm, of the unknown spaces, and of the voices that roar.

This year we're introducing a series of conversations into the mix, to sit alongside the performances and explore the ideas that compell us to engage and to create.

The rest of the free weekend of poetry includes a workshop with renowned Canadian sound poet Christian Bök, the Saturday night cabaret special *night uncurls its palm*, curated exclusively for QPF, late night shennanigans, film screenings, intimate spoken word, the infamous QPF Slam, book launches, and all of the poetry!

With thanks to the QPF Program Committee and to Queensland's poetry community whose support, creativity, and passion help make this festival truly spectacular.

Most of all, this is a festival for you. Enjoy!

SARAH GORY

Festival Director

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST

WORKSHOP

10:30am - 1:30pm | UNCREATIVE WRITING

Christian Bök

Poets in the modern milieu have already begun to question, if not to abandon, the lyrical mandate of originality in order to explore the readymade potential of “uncreative” literature - be it automatic, mannerist, aleatoric, or readymade, in its literary practice. This workshop traces how the notions of both the accidental and procedural have increasingly informed current writing by poets who find inspiration in stolen texts, random words, forced rules, boring ideas, even cyborg tools.

VENUE: Queensland Writers Centre
Level 2, State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre
South Brisbane 4101

COST: \$40

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

Online at queenslandpoetryfestival.com,
or contact QPF on **07 3842 9990** or qldpoetry@gmail.com

SHOPFRONT SPACE

6.00pm OFFICIAL OPENING

Including Arts Queensland
Poetry Awards announcements
MC: Sarah Gory

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

SHOPFRONT SPACE

9:30am

KIDS' PROGRAM
Ages 6 - 13

UNSEEN SPIDERS

Featuring Scott Wings, Marc Nair & special guests

A special interactive children's program for the young and young at heart. Come laugh and howl as we discover a world of rhyme monsters and serpents of syllables. Harness your inner word warrior to defeat a mighty foe!

THEATRE SPACE

7.30pm NEEDLEPOINTS OF LIGHT

Sarah Holland-Batt
Warsan Shire
The Bell Divers
MC: Pascale Burton

9.30pm *continued...*

Cyril Wong
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10:30am TONGUE TIED

Poetry and Asia: in conversation with Cyril Wong, Marc Nair, Adam Aitken and Michelle Cahill

Join us as we chat to four poets with ties to Asia about the significance of language and connection, touching on issues of multilingualism, convergence and divergence.

MC: Eleanor Jackson

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

SHOPFRONT SPACE

12pm OUR GODS DANCE NIGHTLY

Michelle Cahill
Max Ryan
Dubla *feat.* Janaka Malwatta & Ravikesh Singh
MC: Trudie Murrell

1:30pm SPARROWS AND QUIET LOVERS

Ross Clark
Kathryn Lomer
Kent MacCarter
MC: Vanessa Page

4pm THROWN INTO DARK

Ian Gibbins
Jessica Wilkinson
Cathoel Jorss
MC: Jonathan Hadwen

5:15pm JUNGLE OF DRUMS

Andrew Galan
Candy Royalle
Maria Takolander
MC: John Koenig

QPF UP LATE

10pm TEEN MAKEOUTS HATES POETRY

Featuring Adam Hadley, David Finnigan and Jessica Bellamy

Dramatic monologue, epic poetry, harried one-sided conversations, contemporary dance and a complete melt down of language conspire to investigate the horrors of teen-focused pop culture.

MC: Matt Hetherington

STILL STANDING is a collaborative installation of poetry, visual art and sculpture. It is a conversation about the strengths of Indigenous Australian women and our ancestors.

By Rhyll Tonge, Janice Peacock & Donna Ives

THEATRE SPACE

12pm FIRE IN THE BELLY

Showcasing the dynamic voices of high school poets from Kelvin Grove State College, this session will break your heart in all the right places.
MC: Simon Kindt

1:30pm SHADE AND COLOUR

Featuring Judith Beveridge
Join Judith Beveridge, one of Australia's most esteemed poets, for a reading of her own work followed by a conversation about language, lyricism, and the value of poetry.
MC: Bronwyn Lea

2:45pm UQP LAUNCH

Come along to the launch of *The Special* by David Stavanger, winner of the 2013 Arts Queensland Thomas Shapcott Poetry Prize. David will be joined by his accomplice, multi-instrumentalist Richard Grantham + special guests.
MC: University of Queensland Press

4pm SOUND, POETRY

In conversation with Christian Bök and Amanda Stewart
Join renowned avant-garde sonic poets Christian and Amanda in an exploration of the minutiae of language, the spaces where words become a living entity.
MC: Justin Clemens

5:15pm PHANTOM OF YOUR BODY

Mandy Sayer
Sandra Thibodeaux
Maggie Walsh
MC: Fiona Privitera

SHOPFRONT SPACE

6:30pm CHEMISTRY AND FIRE

Amanda Stewart
Christian Bök
MC: Zenobia Frost

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

8pm NIGHT UNCURLS ITS PALM

“Strikethrough” is the deliberate drawing of a line through something, a deletion, or simply a change of thought. The word itself has its own poetry – how is the lived experience edited to strike through to the poetic? And what is on the other side?

Stretching the boundaries of ‘memorable language’, we’ve invited poets, dancers, musicians, and visual artists to cut through traditional disciplinary boundaries and interrogate the role of the poetic in collaborative, unexpected ways.

Join hosts Eleanor Jackson & David Stavanger for an evening that is part cabaret, part performance, part poem, and all sparks flying from the match.

Featuring poets Warsan Shire, Lionel Fogarty, Marc Nair, Maria Takolander, Andrew Galan and Sandra Thibodeaux, the movements of the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts, the visuals of Freddy Komp + more special guests, with DJ Lapkat bringing it all together.
MC: Eleanor Jackson & David Stavanger

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY PROGRAMS ARE FREE.

Tickets for *needlepoints of light* start from \$15. Available online at www.judithwrightcentre.com or by calling **07 3872 9000** between 9am and 4pm weekdays.

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST

SHOPFRONT SPACE

11am CELESTIAL MONSTERS

Rebecca Jessen
Mandy Sayer
Rachael Briggs & Zenobia Frost
MC: Trudie Murrell

12:15pm FALL TO FLOAT

Kathryn Lomer
Jessica Wilkinson
Cyril Wong
MC: Vanessa Page

1:45pm SEASONED STORMS

Michelle Cahill
Adam Aitken
Lionel Fogarty
MC: Matt Hetherington

3pm THE POET'S WIFE

Join Mandy Sayer as she discusses where life, love, and the poetic interweave.
MC: David Stavanger

4:15pm THE DIAMOND CONSTELLATIONS

Chloë Callistemon
Amanda Stewart
Warsan Shire
MC: Jonathan Hadwen

5:30pm DRUNK ON TWILIGHT

Sam Wagan Watson launches *Love Poems and Death Threats* (UQP)
Sandra Thibodeaux launches *DIRTY H2O* (Mulla Mulla Press)
Includes wine & nibbles
MC: Sarah Gory

THEATRE SPACE

1:45pm INTO THE WARMTH

Poetry can be sung from the rafters, and it can be an intimate act between strangers. Come in, find a seat, open your ears and your heart.
Please note: feel free to wander in and out of this session.

Featuring Candy Royalle, Max Ryan, Cyril Wong, Zenobia Frost, and Adam Hadley

3pm FLY IN FORMATION

Ian Gibbins
Pascale Burton & Nathan Shepherdson
Christian Bök
MC: John Koenig

4:15pm POETRY IS USELESS

Featuring Marc Nair & Deborah Emmanuel

Is poetry relevant today? Does it even make sense? Poetry Is Useless questions, challenges and celebrates the art of poetry through a spoken word performance.
MC: Eleanor Jackson

6:30pm THE BEDROOM PHILOSOPHER

Justin Heazlewood is part poet, part comedian, part rock'n'roll, and wholly unexpected.
MC: Matt Hetherington

7:30pm THE UNKNOWN FUTURE OF EVERYTHING

Featuring Luka Lesson, Candy Royalle, and Andrew Galan
Get your hands dirty and your poetry loud at the QPF slam! With three feature poets and plenty of open mic, we laugh at the competition, but take the poetry seriously.
MC: Scott Wings

IMA SCREENING ROOM

11:30am RIOTOUS PUNK ANGELS

Resistance Poetry: in conversation with Lionel Fogarty, Luka Lesson, Sandra Thibodeaux and Candy Royalle
Poetry can be a form of testimony, a way to articulate anger, a political act. Here we explore poetry as a cultural expression of resistance.
MC: Sarah Gory

2:30 - 4:30PM

FILM SCREENING THE SPACE BETWEEN

Poets, filmmakers, and multi-media artists explore the spaces where poetry and audio-visual content collide. Curated by QPF, *the space between* is a series of short films screened on a loop. Grab some popcorn and wander on through.

