Cornwall Contemporary Poetry Festival 2016 (Programme)


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Abstract / Summary

The second Cornwall Contemporary Poetry Festival brought together leading contemporary poets for three days of readings, workshops, discussions and symposia. Held in November 2016 in Falmouth, it included a symposium on poetry and illustration, a poetry project for schools in collaboration with Falmouth Art Gallery, a poetry slam and an open-mic event on a boat on the River Fal. The festival was a project of Falmouth Poetry Group in collaboration with Falmouth University and Falmouth Art Gallery, and with the Support of Arts Council England and The Tanner Trust.

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Poetry International festival, held annually in Rotterdam might be one of the most famous poetry festivals in the world. It is often talked about as Europe's top poetry festival (although there are some very strong contenders for that title!). It is certainly the festival that poets themselves eagerly await an invitation to. **Why?** Poets rapped in street next to a big red poetry bus. The programme is extensive and varied including café-style chats, short and longer readings, interviews and panel discussions. Audiences get the chance to hear a substantial portion of each poet's work which is projected on a screen in Dutch and English translation alongside a carefully-selected piece of contemporary art. Cornish players are regular participants in inter-Celtic festivals, and Cornwall itself has several lively inter-Celtic festivals such as Perranporth's Lowender Peran folk festival.[79].

On a more modern note, contemporary musician Richard D. James (also known as Aphex Twin) grew up in Cornwall, as did Luke Vibert and Alex Parks, winner of Fame Academy 2003. The late Poet Laureate Sir John Betjeman was famously fond of Cornwall and it featured prominently in his poetry. He is buried in the churchyard at St Enodoc's Church, Trebetherick.[90] Charles Causley, the poet, was born in Launceston and is perhaps the best known of Cornish poets. Department for Communities and Local Government. Retrieved 28 March 2016.