



Surrey Poet Laureateship

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Surrey Poet Laureateship to Host End-of-Year Showcase Celebrating Local Poetic Talent
VIP Reception and Showcase Event to Be Held on November 30th at the ACT Theatre, Kingston College

Kingston, November 1st – The Surrey Poet Laureateship is proud to announce its **End-of-Year Showcase**, a celebration of local poetry talent and the incredible progress made since the Laureateship's launch in May 2024. The event will take place at the **ACT Theatre, Kingston College** on **November 30th**, with a special **VIP Reception** from 6:20 pm, followed by the showcase from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

This showcase is the culmination of months of community-building efforts, workshops, and poetry hubs that have enriched the lives of Surrey residents. Through its network of poetry hubs in **Staines, Kingston, and Woking**, and its popular **Laureate's Lounge Open Mic Nights**, the Laureateship has brought together poets from all backgrounds to share their voices and explore their creative potential.

The event will feature live readings from poets who have been part of the Laureateship's journey, including those whose poems will be featured in the **first-ever Surrey Poetry Anthology**. This anthology is a true reflection of Surrey's poetic diversity, showcasing both emerging and established voices.

In addition to the talented poets, attendees will be treated to speeches from distinguished guests and patrons, including **Howard Jameson**, co-founder of the Jermyn Street Theatre, and **Alix Bramwell**, co-founder of the Wisdom on Wellness Festival. The evening will also include readings from poets who used the **Laureate's Lounge Open Mic** as a platform to perform for the very first time, highlighting the power of community and creativity that the Laureateship fosters.

Adam Gary, the inaugural Surrey Poet Laureate, expressed his excitement for the event:

"This showcase is not just a reflection of the past seven months, but a testament to the strength and importance of the poetry community in Surrey. We've seen incredible growth and engagement, and this is just the beginning. We're thrilled to have such talented poets sharing their work and look forward to continuing to expand our reach into 2025."

Dignitaries from across Surrey, including mayors, councillors, and other cultural leaders, are expected to attend the VIP Reception and showcase, further highlighting the importance of arts and poetry in the region.

The event will take place at the **ACT Theatre, Kingston College, Kingston Hall Rd, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2AQ**.

For more information, or to attend the event, please contact us at info@surreypoetlaureateship.org.



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About Surrey Poet Laureateship

The Surrey Poet Laureateship is a nonprofit organisation dedicated to celebrating and promoting poetry in Surrey, England. Founded by poet Adam Gary, the initiative aims to engage residents of all ages and backgrounds through poetry workshops, events, and outreach programmes. By fostering creativity, community engagement, and cultural enrichment, the Surrey Poet Laureateship seeks to make poetry an accessible and integral part of Surrey's cultural landscape.

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