Larkin25 Another Look at Larkin

A season of events and exhibitions commemorating the life and work of Philip Larkin

> Hull, East Yorkshire and beyond....

June - December 2010



Music Film Words Visual Art Performance



Take Another Look at Larkin the nation's favourite poet!

Welcome to Larkin25 - a unique celebration of the life and work of Philip Larkin.

Larkin25 is a commemoration of the life and work of the poet, novelist, librarian and jazz critic Philip Larkin, marking the 25th anniversary of his death.

Taking place over 25 weeks, from June -December 2010, the lively and diverse programme is inspired by Larkin's life and work, and by his passionate love of poetry, music, photography and prose.

Larkin25 presents a unique opportunity to take a first look at Larkin, or to take another look at the life and work of this brilliant and complex man.

Using Larkin's artistic achievements as a catalyst, Larkin25 presents spectacular city centre celebrations, major public artworks and newly commissioned work, readings, lectures, and a high quality programme of performances and exhibitions.

Threaded through Larkin25 is an engaging series of activities, events and workshops, providing new opportunities to explore the arts, poetry and heritage, and find out more about one of Hull's most significant literary figures. Organisations across Hull and the East Riding have come together to create this exciting programme - the diversity of events, exhibitions and activities on offer reflects the versatility of Larkin's talents, and celebrates the wealth of creativity alive in the area today.

We invite you to participate in, and enjoy, what promises to be a world class season of commemorative activities, worthy of a great, internationally renowned poet and of his adopted city.

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june

Saturday 5 June, 12 - 4pm

Larkin25 @ VISTA

Princes Avenue, Hull

FREE | Information: 01482 486540

Larkin25 presents film, poetry and visual arts events as part of the VISTA annual festival - a free, fun festival for the whole family running the length of Princes Avenue - Hull's Cosmopolitan Quarter.



Thursday 10 June, 8pm All Night North Launch Event

The New Adelphi, Hull

Philip Larkin set to music by some of the best songwriters here.

All Night North presents Philip Larkin's poetry as never heard before. Featuring music by some of the best songwriters working in or associated with Hull and the East Riding, All Night North presents a new CD of 12 new songs using Philip Larkin poems as lyrics.

The official launch event will feature performances from Awash with Antler, Man-made Noise, and Horse Guards Parade, plus more to be confirmed.

Further All Night North performances at Beverley Folk Festival and The New Adelphi will offer more opportunities to hear performances by the exceptionally talented musicians involved in the project.

www.allnightnorth.com

Saturday 12 June, 2pm - 5pm

Larkin25 Gala Launch Event

Hull Truck Theatre

£8/£5 concessions | Booking 01482 323638

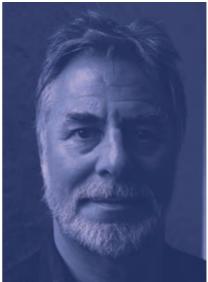
Join the celebrations as we launch Larkin25 at Hull Truck Theatre!

Barrie Rutter will give the annual Philip Larkin Society Distinguished Guest Lecture, opening the 25 week season as we mean to go on, with personal, profound, touching and witty insights from one of the country's leading dramatists, on how Hull, Poetry and Larkin have shaped his creative life.

The event will feature a special guest poetry performance from Mario Petrucci, presented in partnership with Bridlington Poetry Festival.

We also present music from All What Jazz, who will entertain with spoken word and jazz performances inspired by Larkin's jazz loves - and loathings! - and improvised jazz and poetry from UK trombonist and poet Paul Taylor.

A Larkin25 exhibition will be on display in the Hull Truck Foyer, providing a first taste of the creative events and activities taking place over the 25 week season.





june

Sunday 13 June, 12 noon - 1pm

Larkin's Rhymes

Bridlington Poetry Festival, Sewerby Hall

£5 | Booking 01482 392699

Larkin's Rhymes - a talk by Professor James Booth

A few miles up the coast from Hull, Bridlington Poetry Festival offers the chance to get to know Larkin's poetry with Professor James Booth, of the University of Hull.

James Booth's engaging, accessible talk invites you to take a close look at the inner workings of Larkin's poems - some of the best-known and best-loved poems ever written.

Bridlington Poetry Festival provides a glorious weekend of poetry for readers and writers of all ages in the beautiful surroundings of Sewerby Hall and Garden. 32 events: poets taking part include Paul Durcan, Simon Armitage, Colette Bryce, Daljit Nagra, Robin Robertson and many others.

See www.bridlington-poetry-festival.com for details.

Wednesday 16 June, 7pm

Old City, New Rumours: Grand Poetry Launch Party

Staff House, University of Hull

£5/ £3 concessions | Booking 01482 462045 tickets@hull.ac.uk

Grand Poetry Launch Party

The poets Ian Gregson and Carol Rumens will be launching *Old City, New Rumours*, an all-new collection by poets who have lived and worked in Hull. The collection is a sequel to the influential 1982 collection *A Rumoured City* (edited by Douglas Dunn, with a foreword by Philip Larkin). New work by all the poets featured in that 1982 collection are included.

Poets reading will include Tony Flynn, Tony Petch,

Angela Leighton, Ian Parks, David Wheatley, David Kennedy, Cliff Forshaw, Carol Rumens, Ian Gregson and we hope Maurice Rutherford, a contemporary of Larkin and someone whose work is often 'in conversation with' Larkin's.

Come and drink wine and celebrate poetry and Hull, the city of 'a different resonance' (Larkin).

Saturday 19 June, 3.30pm - 5.00pm

The Larkin Project 90 minutes of Larkin

Beverley Folk Festival, The Club Room, Beverley Leisure Complex

Tickets £6, £4 concessions, FREE for children up to 11 Booking 01377 217569 www.beverleyfestival.com - tickets available on line

A selection of musical, film and spoken word highlights of the Larkin25 programme, presented by Beverley Folk Festival. Featuring performances from the All Night North project, a special screening of the film Here, narrated by Tom Courtenay and created by Classlane Media, and a special performance from Hull based poet Peter Knaggs, who is publishing a new anthology, *Hull Connections*, featuring both brand new and well loved poets who share a *Hull Connection*, later this year. This special event will explore the links between the written and spoken word, film, music and song.



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june

Saturday 19 June, 7pm

Larkin Revisited Tom Courtenay

Middleton Hall, University of Hull

£10 including wine and refreshments Booking 01482 226655 theboxoffice@hullcc.gov.uk

A Larkin25 Exclusive! In aid of the Philip Larkin Statue Appeal, Sir Tom Courtenay revisits his West End Hit one man show Pretending To Be Me, in this exclusively revised play, *Larkin revisited*.

'Shrewd, unpredictable and funny' - Observer 'A rare, rich pleasure' - Daily Telegraph 'Courtenay is simply masterful' - Sunday Times 'A perfomance to treasure - a tour de force' - Mail on Sunday 'One of the funniest things I've ever seen - terrific' - The Times

Larkin25 is delighted to bring to Hull an exclusive revisited version of Sir Tom Courtenay's acclaimed *Pretending To Be Me*. The original play was a moving, acerbic and highly personal portrait of Philip Larkin, based on his letters and poems, and was premiered to great acclaim at West Yorkshire Playhouse in 2002 before transferring to the Comedy Theatre in the West End. Based on a day in Larkin's life, the action takes place in one room, with the poet playing his favourite jazz LPs and making himself tea, whilst wryly reflecting on his life and work.

Devised and performed by Hull born Sir Tom Courtenay, the revisited version will offer new insights and retain the original's ability to capture the humour, pathos and wit of what it was to be Larkin. This performance promises to be a special experience. Early booking advised.

Saturday 19 June, 8pm

All Night North Performance

The New Adelphi, Hull

Tickets £4 Enquiries: www.allnightnorth.com info@allnightnorth.com

Philip Larkin set to music by some of the best songwriters here.

A CD recording of new songs using Philip Larkin poems as lyrics.

An opportunity to hear from more of the fantastic performers involved in the All Night North project.



June - December

Walking Tour: A city of '...domes and statues, spires and cranes'

 \pm 3 per person, minimum 10 people per tour, group bookings only

Booking: 01482 878535 schopaul@hotmail.com

Walking tours by award winning guide Paul Schofield. Throughout Hull, ending at the Larkinalia exhibition in the Georgian Houses.



july

Friday 2 & Saturday 3 July, 8pm

Write to Speak present Larkin Night

Hull Truck Theatre

All tickets £5 | Booking 01482 323638

Taking place across two evenings, Write to Speak host a special 2 night spoken word event to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Philip Larkin's death. Featuring special guests, these nights will offer a wry look at Larkin's work and legacy, as well as exploring his relationship with Hull.

Friday 16 July, 6pm - 8pm

Philip Larkin's Jazz A celebration!

Hull Truck Theatre

£5 (free for ticket holders to Django à la Créole event)

Booking 01482 323638

Did you ever hear someone talk about musicians like Philip Larkin? Use such grisly language? Captain Beefheart, 1991

An evening of live jazz and lively discussion, in association with Hull Jazz Festival, to launch *Philip Larkin's Jazz: A Celebration*, commissioned by the Philip Larkin Society, as part of the Larkin25 celebrations.

Larkin wrote that: 'Few things in life have given me more pleasure in life than listening to jazz'. This collection offers fresh perspectives on Larkin and the jazz he loved.

The box set of CDs, containing Larkin's favourite jazz, has been produced by Proper Records, with notes by Trevor Tolley and John White, who will be on hand to talk about the compilation.

The event will be hosted by Jazz critic Richard Palmer, an authority on Larkin and Jazz and coauthor of *Larkin's Jazz* (Hull University Press) with Dr John White.

CDs will be on sale at the event, which will be followed by:

Friday 16 July, 8pm

Django à la Créole with Evan Christopher

Hull Truck Theatre

£17.50/£15 | Booking 01482 323638

New Orleans clarinetist, Evan Christopher is a refreshingly bright light on the international jazz scene. He combines virtuosity, immaculate taste, and enthusiasm with a deep commitment to capturing the full range of musical possibilities that come from having strong roots in the idioms of New Orleans jazz and the Créole clarinet style. Django à la Créole is the fusion of the music of the legendary Django Reinhardt with hot syncopations from the streets of New Orleans, the Caribbean and Brazil.





july

Saturday 17 July

Larkin with Toads - the arrival!

Larkin with Toads - in Hull from Saturday 17 July until Saturday 26 September

Hull City Centre

FREE | Information: 01482 486540

The biggest mass participation public art event the city has ever seen.

Expect Hull to look a little different this summer as we launch Larkin with Toads - the biggest public art extravaganza Hull has ever seen. July 17 will see a myriad of brightly coloured Toads pop up across the city, every one beautifully decorated by the people of Hull and East Yorkshire and artists from across the country.

Inspired by Larkin's poems, *Toads* and *Toads Revisited*, the one metre high Toad sculptures will populate our city for ten weeks across the summer.

Larkin was a renowned animal lover, and a hard worker - the Toads poems take a darkly comic look at the pressures and pleasures of working life. In the first poem, Larkin compares work to a Toad squatting on his life, returning to the theme in *Toads Revisited* to reflect on his more positive feelings towards work in later life.

Each Toad will be unique, sponsored by local businesses and decorated by artists and the people of Hull and East Yorkshire, with designs taking their inspiration from Larkin's life and work, the history and culture of Hull and more besides!

Mini toads created by schoolchildren across Hull and the East Riding as part of Larkin25's extensive education programme will also be on display in the City.

Pick up a souvenir Larkin with Toads map from your local library or tourist information centre, to explore the city of Hull and find out where all of its new amphibian residents have set up home. Can you find all the Larkin Toads? Which is your favourite?

The event will conclude with a grand auction of Larkin Toads. The proceeds of the auction of unique artworks will be shared amongst charitable funds which support causes close to the heart of Larkin and this project - supporting environmental, animal welfare and artistic projects, as well as a contribution to the Lord Mayor's Charity.

This unique public art event has been made possible by the generous support of our sponsors, including businesses across Hull and the East Riding who have adopted their very own Toad. Find out more by exploring the Larkin with Toads gallery on the Larkin25 website www.larkin.co.uk

Keep watching the website for sneak previews of the Toads as they are being created...the Toads are coming!



july

Saturday 31 July - Wednesday 1 September Larkin with Toads comes to Hull Museums and galleries a special toad trail around the Museums Quarter

For children of all ages

FREE | Information 01482 613902

Bring the kids along to explore the Museums Quarter by following the Toads Museums Trail with special prizes and a quiz.

Wednesday 28 July, 1pm - 3pm Power of the Flower - Fabric printing workshop for adults

Wilberforce House Museum

Some of Larkin's best known works mark the heyday of the department store, which began to become popular in the 50s and 60s. In *Here*, and *The Large Cool Store*, Larkin explores our relationship with clothes and shopping. In these workshops, recreate the designs of the 60s using print designs of your choice.

august

Saturday 7 August, 1pm - 3pm

Power of the Flower - Fabric printing workshop for kids

Wilberforce House Museum

Create bright and bold 1960s designs in these fabric painting workshops. Did you know Philip Larkin wrote a poem about Marks and Spencers in Hull? The shop is still there today - what would have been on sale when Larkin wrote his poem about The Large Cool Store?

Monday 9 August, 10am - 4pm

Larkin Day!

Hull History Centre

FREE | Information: 01482 317500

For adults and children of all ages

Philip Larkin was born in Coventry on 9 August 1922. Larkin25 is declaring 9 August 2010, Larkin Day, and has a fun filled day of events and activities planned to celebrate Philip Larkin's birthday.

Find out more about Philip Larkin, take part in poetry workshops and other creative activities and explore your local heritage at this family friendly day at Hull History Centre.

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Hull History Centre holds an extensive archive of Larkin's letters, drafts of poems, photographs and other artefacts, which will be on display throughout Larkin25.

Monday 9 August, 7pm

Larkin on Living

St Mary the Virgin, Lowgate, Hull City Centre

FREE | Information 01482 486540

An intimate, informal evening of music and readings on Larkin and about Larkin in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Church on the anniversary of Larkin's birthday.

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Saturday 14 August, 1pm - 3pm

Super Specs

Ferens Live Art Space

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FREE | Information 01482 613902

For adults and children of all ages

Make your own Larkin-inspired glasses with glitz and glam!

september

Tuesday 7 September

Hull Smells of Fish

STAND Meeting Room, Arctic Corsair, Rear of Streetlife Museum

FREE, Information 01482 613902

For adults and children of all ages

Hull has changed a lot since Larkin first arrived in the city. Many of his poems and letters reflect the bustling fish docks of the busy maritime city that he found when he first came to Hull. We join in the joint commemorations of the 50th anniversary of the Arctic Corsair by offering the chance to hear about one trawler man's experiences of the fishing industry in the 1950s and 1960s.

Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 September

Heritage Open Days

Venues and sites across Hull and the East Riding

FREE | Information 01482 486540

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission.

Larkin25 is planning special events as part of the Hull Heritage Open Day programme to animate key Larkin locations and provide a unique insight to Larkin's life and work. Further information will be available online at www.larkin25.co.uk

Thursday 23 - Sunday 26 September, 7.30pm Something Hidden

Fruit, 62 - 63 Humber Street

£10/£7 | Booking 01482 342060

The Award Winning Theatre Company Ensemble 52 presents David Pattison's new play Something Hidden. A dark, humorous, sometimes irreverent exploration of the relationships and experiences that shaped one of the 20th Century's finest poets.

Directed by Andrew Pearson, the play is being staged at the home of Ensemble 52 in the City's newest and most exciting Theatre and Arts venue, 'Fruit', based in the Old Fruit Market.

Last year Ensemble 52 won a Manchester Evening News Theatre Award for its production of Richard Vergette's play As We Forgive Them.

www.ensemble52.com



Tuesday 28th September, 1pm - 3pm

Toad Craft

Wilberforce House Museum

FREE | Information 01482 613902

Make a Toad using roll craft - suitable for children of all ages.

Wednesday 29 September, 6pm

Larkin25 Lecture

Sean O'Brien'Random windows conjuring a street': Larkin and the city

Middleton Hall, Hull Campus, University of Hull

FREE | Booking 01482 462045

The Larkin25 lecture series, programmed by Larkin scholar and literary adviser to the Philip Larkin Society, Professor James Booth, offer the chance to take another look at Larkin by hearing from contemporary poets and academics as they explore different areas of his life and writings.

If Larkin25 has sparked your interest in Britain's best loved poet, here's your opportunity to delve deeper- and to hear from some of the UK's finest contemporary writers and thinkers

We are delighted to welcome Sean O'Brien, 'the most prize winning poet of his generation', 3 times winner of the Forward Poetry Prize, and recipient of the 2007 Eliot Prize, to deliver the first in the autumn series.

Although Philip Larkin wrote in praise of rural England, he was largely a city-dweller. Sean O'Brien's own early work has been called 'urban pastoral' - and his lecture will consider how Larkin imagines and explores the city, with particular reference to poems set in his adopted home, Kingston upon Hull.

ENGLAND



october

Friday 1 - Sunday 10 October

Beverley Literature Festival

Various prices - FREE - £10 Booking 01482 392699

Ten days of great readings, performances, readers groups, creative writing workshops, conversation and children's events in intimate and historic venues around Beverley.

This year's festival will include special events as part of the Larkin25 commemoration programme - www.bevlit.org

Tuesday 5 October, 6pm

Larkin25 Lecture

Andrew Motion: The Afterlife of Philip Larkin

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The 2010 Ferens Distinguished Lecture

Middleton Hall, Hull Campus, University of Hull

FREE | Booking 01482 462045

In the second of the Larkin25 autumn lecture series, we welcome Sir Andrew Motion back to the University of Hull, where he taught until 1981. Andrew Motion was Larkin's literary executor and close friend, and his 1994 biography, *Philip Larkin: A Writer's Life*, won the Whitbread Prize for Biography in the same year.

In this lecture, Andrew Motion looks at the ways Philip Larkin's reputation was changed by the publication of the *Collected Poems*, *Letters* and biography, and reflect on how it has continued to change in the last twenty-five years.

Sunday 10 October, daytime

The Big Draw Larkin Doodle Dandy!

Ferens Art Gallery

FREE | Information 01482 613902

For adults and children of all ages

The whole point of drawing is choosing the right line. Philip Larkin, July 12, 1965

Larkin's letters and papers reveal a little known side to the multi faceted man - his talent as a purveyor of the doodle! From letters to friends and lovers, to doodles in the margins of minutes his engaging and witty drawings animated his correspondence and working papers alike, and revealed a real talent for drawing.

Join us as we take a line for a walk, inspired by Larkin's many and varied doodles and drawings, as part of this Big Draw event.

Thursday 21 October, 7pm

Lachlan McKinnon

Staff House, University of Hull

£5/£3 | Booking 01482 462045tickets@hull.ac.uk

Presented by the Philip Larkin Centre, Lachlan McKinnon brings a unique Larkin touch to the programme as one of Britain's very top poets who, like Larkin, has a second life as a librarian. His elegiac Small Hours, published early in 2010, observes rites of passage, explores place and landscape, and meditates on loss, grief and mortality in the long poem, *The Book of Emma*. Described as modest, meditative and moving, acclaimed by the Guardian's Kate Kellaway as a 'poised lyricist', the opportunity to hear this leading British poet read, and be in conversation about his work, should not be missed.

november

Wednesday 10 November, 6pm

Larkin25 Lecture Anthony Thwaite: Philip to Monica: The Poet's most intimate Correspondence

Middleton Hall, Hull Campus, University of Hull

FREE | Booking 01482 462045 tickets@hull.ac.uk

The Larkin25 Lecture series continues as we celebrate the publication of Anthony Thwaite's *Letters to Monica* (Faber) In October 2010.

Anthony Thwaite, one of Larkin's Literary Executors, editor of Larkin's *Collected Poems*, *Selected Letters* and *Further Requirements*, talks about his edition of Larkin's letters to Monica Jones, the poet's intimate friend for three decades. Full of wit and humour, these letters chronicle the poet's life and attitudes more closely and frankly than anything else we have.

Saturday 13 - Sunday 14 November

A colloquy of poets

Philip Larkin Centre for Poetry and Creative Writing

Information and Booking 01482 462045 tickets@hull.ac.uk

The Philip Larkin Centre for Poetry and Creative Writing builds on the university's long association with the great poet Philip Larkin among a fabulous rosta of poets through the ages, to bring top ten poets to the city to examine how 21st century poetry is shifting forward in all its forms.

As part of its contribution to the Larkin25 programme, the centre presents A Colloquy of Poets - a meeting ground for experimental and lyric poets, led by leading experimental poet Tony Lopez, and Philip Gross, the current winner of the T.S.Eliot Prize, Britain's most prestigious poetry

award. Tony and Philip are each inviting four leading poets. The colloquy will include a sharing of material that has been important to these writers on their own continuing journeys.

To include two public readings (Saturday early evening and Sunday late morning) in which each poet will debut a work newly written for the occasion. Rounding with a celebratory Sunday lunch.

Further details of the programme will be published on www.larkin25.co.uk and www.hull.ac.uk later in 2010.

Monday 15 November - Sunday 28 November

Hull Truck Theatre Larkin 25 Festival

Hull Truck Theatre

Booking and Information 01482 32363

Hull Truck in conjunction with Hull University, Write To Speak and Hull School of Art & Design present a festival of new drama, the spoken word, music, film and dance inspired by the work of Philip Larkin.

Further details of the programme will be published at www.larkin25.co.uk and www.hulltruck.co.uk later in 2010.

november

Wednesday 24 November, 6pm

Larkin25 Lecture James Booth: Philip Larkin: Life or Art?

Middleton Hall, Hull Campus, University of Hull

FREE | Booking 01482 462045

In an early letter Larkin wrote 'in my character there is an antipathy between 'art' and 'life'. James Booth explores the poet's struggle to reconcile the demands of the social world with his devotion to poetry.

Professor James Booth has published a number of critical works on Larkin's poetry and prose, and is literary advisor to the Philip Larkin Society.



Friday 26 November, 1.15pm

Bridge for the Living a celebratory concert by Hull University Orchestra and Hull University Choir

Elaine King and Robert Poyser (conductors)

Middleton Hall, Hull Campus, University of Hull

£5/£4 senior citizens/£3 students and other concessions | Booking 01482 462045

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This celebratory concert features the Humberside Cantata 'Bridge for the Living' by local composer Anthony Hedges with a text by Philip Larkin. The work was written in 1975, the year in which it was commissioned, to mark the official opening of the Humber Bridge.

The first performance was given in 1981 several months before the bridge was completed. For Larkin, this was a significant project because it was his only poem written specifically for a musical setting.

The concert will feature two other works by British composers: William Walton's Crown Imperial March and Edward Elgar's anthem *Give unto the Lord* (psalm 29). Larkin's connection with Elgar is well documented, not least because the composer is featured in Larkin's collection and he wrote a poem in response to being at a concert featuring Elgar's music. Walton's march will provide a suitably upbeat and ceremonial overture to this exciting programme.

Friday 26 November, 2.30pm

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Workshop: Music and poetry musical reactions and creative responses led by Dr Mark Slater

Middleton Hall, Hull Campus, University of Hull

£5/£4 senior citizens/£3 students and other concessions | Booking 01482 462045

Composers and performers alike are invited to take part in this 2-hour workshop exploring creative musical approaches to the poetry of Philip Larkin. This practical collaborative workshop will focus on how improvisation can be used to generate and capture musical ideas. Selected poems will form the basis of guided improvisations designed to suggest ways to take those important first steps towards writing a new piece.

november

Friday 26 & Saturday 27 November, 8pm

Wrong Beginnings

Hull Truck Studio

£8/£5 | Booking 01482 323638

Wrong Beginnings is a new David Pattison play inspired by the remarkable life of Jean Hartley, an ordinary woman who did extraordinary things. Jean Hartley was one half of the publishing duo behind The Marvell Press, the Hull based publisher who secured their place in literary history by publishing Larkin's collection, *The Less Deceived*.

Adapted from her autobiography Philip Larkin the Marvell Press and Me, Wrong Beginnings follows Jean's journey from the book-loving 14 year old school leaver to the home for unmarried mothers at Sutton, through a turbulent marriage with George Hartley and the roller coaster ride of the Marvell Press to the University of Hull and beyond.

In her autobiography Jean comments: 'Life is something you get on with'. *Wrong Beginnings* captures that spirit and the humour and optimism that goes with it.

december

Thursday 2 December, 6pm

Larkin25 Lecture

Carol Rumens 'Larkin: The End of the Line'

The Annual English Lecture

Middleton Hall, Hull Campus, University of Hull

FREE | Booking 01482 462045

In the final lecture in the series, Carol Rumens considers musicality in poetry and specifically in Larkin's poetry. She goes on to discuss the ways in which melody is still relevant to 21st century poetry, and attempts to trace those under-noticed writers who continue in what might be broadly called the lyric tradition.

Carol Rumens is Visiting Professor of Poetry at the University of Hull. She has published fourteen fulllength collections of poetry, and has won various awards, including the Alice Hunt Bartlett Prize (with Thomas McCarthy), a Cholmondeley Award and the Prudence Farmer Prize.

Thursday 2 December Philip Larkin Statue Unveiling

Paragon Station

Information and donations: www.philiplarkin.com/statue.htm

The unveiling of a statue of Philip Larkin will be the culminating event of Larkin25, taking place on the exact 25th anniversary of his death.

It is fitting that the station that inspired Larkin with 'an end-of-line sense of freedom' and featured so prominently in one of his most famous poems will be the site of a lasting memorial to him. The sculptor, Martin Jennings, portrays Larkin hurrying for his train – as in the opening line of 'The Whitsun Weddings': 'That Whitsun, I was late getting away...' The statue will be in bronze and aims to evoke subtle echoes of the Sir John Betjeman statue at St Pancras Station (also by Martin Jennings) and will be larger than life. It will be an iconic landmark in Hull and a fine tribute to a great poet in the city he made his home.



December - date and time to be confirmed Larkin25 on film

Hull History Centre

Larkin's life and work has inspired filmmakers for decades. In association with Hull History Centre, Hull Film and Glimmer, the Hull International Short Film Festival, Larkin25 will present the best in documentary, film-poetry, artists' film and newly commissioned work about and inspired by Philip Larkin. This will include a screening of the Monitor documentary in which Sir John Betjeman interviewed Larkin about his life, his poetry and the city of Hull, as well as many lesser known and some newly commissioned works.

We will screen work commissioned throughout the Larkin25 programme and celebrate the achievements of all involved, revisiting the key moments of this world class programme of events and concluding our celebrations of the life and work of the nation's favourite poet.

exhibitions and displays

Larkin25's exhibition programme provides the opportunity to see rarely seen photographs of and by Larkin, glimpse rare and unique archive material and artefacts, explore new work by contemporary artists inspired by the poet's love of music, nature and the local landscape - and to discover a new creative generation, through the Hull School of Art and Design programme.

All exhibitions are free entry

Saturday 12 June - Sunday 5 December

Larkinalia! Discover Larkin through an exhibition of his belongings

Georgian Houses, High Street

FREE | Information 01482 613902

You have read the poems - now meet the man! This exhibition shows Philip Larkin the person with a display of his personal belongings from his pet toad collection and razors to his famous trademark glasses! On loan from the Philip Larkin Society, the objects will highlight a Larkin largely unknown to the public.

Through this exhibition, you can find out more about Larkin's life - from his love of Jazz to his passion for photography, his fondness for animals, and his aversion to gardening! Many of his poems explore these interests, and the exhibition will enable visitors to explore the connection between the poet's life and art.

Saturday 12 June - Thursday 2 December A Close Encounter with Larkin Hull History Centre

Visitors to Hull History Centre will be able to see selected items from Philip Larkin's extensive archive on display. This is a rare opportunity: original items are rarely seen, even by academic researchers, as facsimiles have been created to help preserve fragile original documents, many of which are written in pencil making them particularly vulnerable. Items on display will include selected letters, drafts of poems and other writing, and will change throughout the season, providing a dynamic archival display that will showcase a wide range of rare and unique artefacts.

Thursday 2 - Friday 30 July The MONITOR Stills first ever exhibition of photographs taken during the filming of the Larkin MONITOR TV programme

The University of Hull Art Collection, University of Hull

During the filming of the celebrated BBC Monitor programme in 1964, the Director's Assistant, a young photographer named Anne James, was asked to take stills of the production. Her contact prints have recently come to light andthis exhibition, curated by the Philip Larkin Society with Anne James' support, will show the very best of what are wonderfully evocative photographs. They capture new angles of familiar scenarios and also offer fresh portraits of Larkin and his inseparable bike.

Saturday 23 October - Sunday 12 December

Larkin the Photographer

Maritime Museum - Court room

Larkin was a photographer of some merit, and Hull Museums and Galleries, the University of Hull and Hull History Centre are collaborating to present an exhibition of his work. The photographs reveal much about Larkin's interests, life and favourite places, and include some familiar and surprising views of Hull and the East Riding.

Friday 1 - Sunday 31 October

Larkin, Students and Creativity

Hull School of Art and Design Foyer

Architecture, Fashion, Graphic Design, Textiles and Illustration students present responses to Larkin's work, life and times.

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Friday 15 November - Friday 3 December

Larkin and all that Jazz A sense of place

Hull Truck Theatre Foyer

Film and photography students from Hull School of Art and Design present new work about and inspired by Larkin. Two linked exhibitions respond to the themes of Larkin and Jazz, and Jazz in Hull today, and a third explores the local landscape through its links to Larkin, his poetry, life and letters.

Short films about and inspired by Larkin will be shown on screens in Hull Truck Foyer areas throughout the Larkin25 season.

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Commissions

Larkin25 will award new commissions to high profile national and emerging local artists, giving opportunities to create and experience innovative new writing and other art work.

This will include a major residency by a visiting writer, resulting in readings, workshops and a souvenir publication of new work.

Keep watching www.larkin25.co.uk for news of the commissions, and to find out more about the artists involved.

Libraries

Hull and East Riding Library Services have teamed up to plan an exciting programme of events and activities, encouraging old and new readers alike to take another look at Larkin, and another look at poetry.

Displays, readings and writing workshops will be delivered at libraries across Hull and the East Riding- and you can expect to see poetry popping up in some more surprising places too! Through teaming up with East Yorkshire Motor Services, we will put poems - and possibly poets - on the buses, encouraging travellers to get their poetry fix on the move. You've seen Poetry in the Underground we're bringing it onto the Top Deck where it belongs! EYMS will also offer schools across Hull and the East Riding the opportunity to receive FREE books for their school library.

Poets June Wentland and Alan Summers will work with schools, community groups and readers and writers across Hull on a collaborative Global Renga project, inviting people to contribute verses throughout the Larkin25 season by text, email, and through events and workshops, to a collaborative Hull poem, which will be displayed in the central library at the end of the project.

Amanda Lowe's If Shelves Could Talk project takes its inspiration from Larkin's career as a

librarian. In conversation with librarians and readers, Amanda will explore and celebrate Hull's libraries through a series of poems and an exhibition.

A special programme of poetry events will take place throughout October, including workshops, events and performances on National Poetry Day (Thursday 7th October) and displays and new poetry acquisitions will broaden the range of poetry available to readers in the City.

BBC Humberside Poetry Project

The BBC Humberside website will launch a webbased creative poetry project, designed to attract submissions of poetry from all ages and ethnic groups in the city, all based on different reactions to what it is like living in Hull. The project will test Larkin's claim that Hull is 'a town that lets you write'.

Larkin Trail

Stretching across the centre of Hull, through suburbs and villages along the Humber estuary, the Larkin Trail will take visitors on a tour of sites which were significant to Philip Larkin, linking different aspects of his life and work to a sense of place and locality.

Sites will include buildings, streets, parks, and other locations where Larkin lived, worked, visited or which inspired his poetry. Further information will be contained within a leaflet forming a guide to the trail and more extensive information, including audio material, will be available via a website. Digital content will also be accessible en-route.

Launching in autumn 2010, the Larkin Trail will be a permanent installation, continuing to introduce visitors to Larkin's poetry for years to come.

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venues & diary

Hull City Centre

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Hull Truck Theatre, 50 Ferensway, Hull, HU2 8LB

2 Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square Hull, North Humberside HU1

3 Wilberforce House Museum, 36 High Street Hull HU1 1NQ

4 FRUIT, 62-63 Humber Street, Hull, HU1 1TH

STAND Meeting Room, Arctic Corsair, High Street 6 Hull HU1 1PS

6 St Mary the Virgin Church, Lowgate, Hull

> Georgian Houses Museum, 25 High Street, Hull, HU1 1NQ

The New Adelphi, 89 De Grey Street Hull HU5 2RU

University and the Avenues



9 Princes Avenue, Hull HU5 3RX

Philip Larkin Centre, University of Hull

Staff House, University of Hull

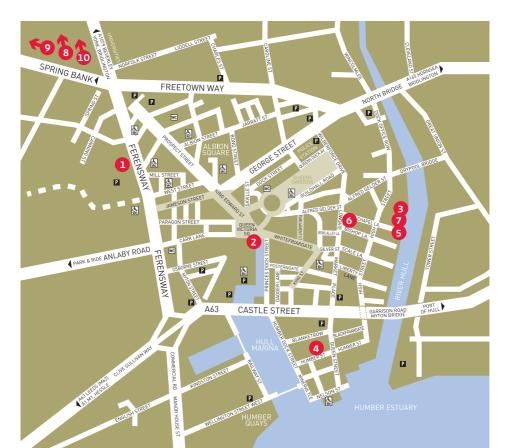
Middleton Hall, University of Hull

University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull, HU6 7RX,

East Riding

Beverley Leisure Complex, Flemingate, Beverley HU17 OLT

Sewerby Hall & Gardens, Church Lane, Sewerby, Bridlington, YO15 East Riding of Yorkshire,



Date	Event	Venue	Time	Info / Book	Price	Page
5 June	Larkin25 @ VISTA	Princes Avenue, Hull	12 noon - 4pm	01482 486540	FREE	5
10 June	All Night North	The New Adelphi, Hull	8pm	01482 486540	£4	5
12 June	Larkin25 Gala Launch Event with	Hull Truck Theatre	2pm - 5pm	01482 323638	£8/5	5
	Barrie Rutter and Mario Petrucci					
13 June	Larkin's Rhymes	Sewerby Hall, Bridlington	12 noon - 1pm	01482 392699	£5	7
16 June	The Larkin Project - 90m minutes of Larkin	The Club room,	3.30 - 5pm	01377 217569	£6/4	7
	Beverley Folk Festival	Beverley Leisure Complex				
19 June	Larkin Revisited with Sir Tom Courtenay	Middleton Hall, University of Hull	7pm	01482 226655	£10	9
19 June	All Night North Performance	The New Adelphi, Hull	8pm	01482 486540	£4	9
2 & 3 July	Write To Speak	Hull Truck Theatre	8pm	01482 323638	£5	11
16 July	Philip Larkin's Jazz - A celebration!	Hull truck Theatre	брт	01482 323638	£5	11
16 July	Django à la Créole	Hull Truck Theatre	8pm	01482 323638	£17.50/£15	11
17 July -	Larkin With Toads	Hull City Centre		01482 486540	FREE	13
26 Sept						
28 July	Power of the flower - workshop for adults	Wilberforce House Museum	1pm - 3pm	01482 613902	FREE	14
7 Aug	Power of the flower- workshop for children	Wilberforce House Museum	1pm - 3pm	01482 613902	FREE	15
9 Aug	Larkin Day!	Hull History Centre	10am - 4pm	01482 317500	FREE	15
9 Aug	Larkin on Living	St Mary the Virgin Church	7pm	01482 486540	FREE	15
14 Aug	Super Specs	Ferens Live Art Space	1pm - 3pm	01482 613902	FREE	15
7 Sept	Hull Smells of Fish	STAND Meeting Room		01482 613902	FREE	16
9 - 12 Sept	Heritage Open Days	Various locations		01482 486540	FREE	16
23 - 26	Something Hidden	FRUIT, 7.30		01482 342060	£10/£7	16
Sept		62-63 Humber Street				
28 Sept	Toad Craft – workshop for Children	Wilberforce House Museum	1pm - 3pm	01482 613902	FREE	16
29 Sept	Sean O Brien Larkin25 Lecture	Middleton Hall, University of Hull	брт	01482 486540	FREE	17
1 - 10 Oct	Beverley Literature Festival	Various Venues in Beverley		01482 392699	Various	19
5 Oct	Andrew Motion Larkin25 Lecture	Middleton Hall, University of Hull	брт	01482 486540	FREE	19
10 Oct	The Big Draw	Ferens art Gallery		01482 613902	FREE	19
21 Oct	Lachlan McKinnon	Staff House, University	7pm	01482 462045	£5/£3	19
10 Nov	Anthony Thwaite Larkin25 Lecture	Middleton Hall, University of Hull	брт	01482 486540	FREE	20
13 -14	A Colloquy of Poets	Philip Larkin Centre,	See listing	01482 462045		20
Nov		University of Hull	for details			
15 - 28 Nov	Hull Truck Larkin 25 Festival	Hull Truck Theatre	See website	01482 323638		
24 Nov	James Booth Larkin25 Lecture	Middleton Hall, University of Hull	брт	01482 486540	FREE	21
26 Nov	Bridge For The Living	, Middleton Hall, University of Hull	1.15pm	01482 462045	£5/£4/£3	21
26 Nov	Music and Poetry- Workshop	Middleton Hall, University of Hull	2.30pm	01482 462045	FREE	21
26 - 27 Nov	Wrong Beginnings	, Hull Truck Studio	8pm	01482 323638	£8/£5	22
2 Dec	Carol Rumens Larkin25 Lecture	Middleton Hall,	брт	01482 486540	FREE	23
		University of Hull				



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