

Remembering Camden Voices – Seedbed of Poets

Led by Dinah Livingstone, the Camden Voices Poetry Group ran for twenty years, from 1978-1998 – until 1991 at the Camden Adult Education Institute and after that at the Working Men's College. The Group attracted an extraordinary range of talent and many of its members went on to publish a string of poetry collections and win awards and prizes.

2018 is the fiftieth anniversary of Pentameters Theatre, founded and run by Léonie Scott-Matthews, and as part of its fiftieth anniversary celebrations (continuing throughout the year), on Monday January 29th 2018 at 8pm Pentameters will be presenting an evening *Remembering Camden Voices*.

Four former members of the Group, now established poets each with their own distinctive voice and output, will read new poems and from their published collections:

Brian Docherty now lives on the Sussex coast as part of a growing community of writers, artists and musicians. His most recent publications are *In My Dreams, Again* (Penniless Press, 2017) and *Only in St. Leonards: A Year on the Marina* (Special Sorts Press, 2017).

Mimi Khalvati has published eight collections with Carcanet Press, including *The Meanest Flower*, shortlisted for the T.S. Eliot Prize. *Child: New and Selected Poems 1991-2011* was a Poetry Book Society Special Commendation and *The Weather Wheel* appeared in 2014. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

Jane Kirwan has published two poetry books, and co-authored two collections of prose and poems, one with her Czech partner. Her novel *Don't Mention Her* came out in 2016. She lives between London and the Czech Republic.

Jehane Markham is poet in residence at *Camden New Journal*. She co-wrote a tribute album, to the actor, Roger Lloyd Pack, *Sixteen Sunsets*, which was launched at Map Studio Cafe, Kentish Town, in 2015. She ran poetry workshops for two years at The Chocolate Factory in Wood Green as part of the Haringey Literature Live programme and now runs monthly workshops in North Norfolk. She has four chap-book collections of poetry and two CD's of poetry and jazz with the Jehane Markham Trio.

These four accomplished, entertaining and very different poets will be introduced by Dinah Livingstone, who says that even after all these years she still gets a little thrill when someone from Camden Voices publishes good poetry, wins an award or puts on a good show.

You are invited to come and enjoy this remarkable evening on Monday 20th January, 8pm at Pentameters Theatre, The Horseshoe, 28 Heath St, London NW3 6TE. Admission £5. Bookings: 0207 435 3648 or at the door. www.pentameters.co.uk

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