

MEDIA RELEASE

Saturday, 10 April 2021

ANNOUNCING pie in the sky poets: EAT. LIVE . FLY



Meet some of the poets and performers from left top right: Mohsen Soltany Zand; Louise Carter; Ivy Ireland; Vashti Hughes; Tug Dumbly; Ali Whitelock; Alana Hicks; Benito DiFonzo and Lex Marinos. Photographs courtesy of the artists.

Poetry Sydney partners with Since I Left You (SILY) to present a series of six poetry evenings featuring Sydney and New South Wales poets on the second Tuesday of the month from April - September, at a signature Sydney heritage venue in the Central Business District (CBD).

Long before Harry's Café de Wheels served up pie in the 1930s, **William Francis King**, peddled his pies the streets of Sydney delivering impromptu public orations on the pies he had for sale and the politics of the day in the late nineteenth century. Known as the **Flying Pieman** he devised all manner of opportunities for public entertainment on the urban inner city pedestrian thoroughfares capturing the imagination of chroniclers and artists at the time in Sydney.¹

It is in this spirit of the Flying Pieman that Poetry Sydney and SILY present a modern-day program of poetry located between three historical storehouses. The poetry events will each feature a Masters of Ceremonies (MC), and three poets and will be host to poets in the open sections, which are integrated into the presentation. The focus is on celebrating the oration and the spoken word of poetry, encouraging participation, contribution and cultural enjoyment of this art form.

There are six MC's and 18 feature poets participating and at each event audiences will discover the evening's feature line-up on the night. Together we will create a shared history through our attendance and our commitment to poetry, the spokenword traditions, performance while showing our support of the importance of cultural engagement in Sydney. Audiences and participants will become the ingredients for the Pie in the Sky Poets in this special series of poetry events.

Contribute through your participation and attendance by coming to all six events in the series. Look onto the side street / Watch a building be / Take the time to eat / Dream something up and let fly.

SIX POETRY EVENINGS: pie in the sky poets: EAT. LIVE . FLY

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| Time: | 6.30pm – 7.00pm – 9.30pm | | |
| Dates: | 01 | Tuesday | 13 April 2021 |
| | 02 | Tuesday | 11 May 2021 |

¹ The Brisbane courier 26.8.1873

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| 03 | Tuesday | 08 June 2021 |
| 04 | Tuesday | 13 July 2021 |
| 05 | Tuesday | 10 August 2021 [Red Room National Poetry Festival] |
| 06 | Tuesday | 14 September 2021 |

Venue: Since I Left You (SILY)
 Location: 338 Kent Street, Sydney NSW2000
 Website: sinceileftyou.com.au
 Tickets: \$10 includes a drink of choice
 * FREE entrance for poets reading. Registrations are recommended.
 Email: mail @poetrysydney.org

Tickets: <https://sinceileftyou.com.au/yck-laneways/>

SILY Phone number: 02 9279 2084
 SILY Email: info@sinceileftyou.com.au

SILY Event program: <https://sinceileftyou.com.au/whats-on/>
 SILY Menu: <https://sinceileftyou.com.au/menu/>
 SILY Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sinceileftyou/>
 SILY Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SinceILeftYouSydney/>

The event is in association with the York Clarence Kent Laneways (YCKL) Block Party 7 April – 22 May 2021.

Ten small bar owners in the precinct area have banded together to put the venues on the inner city cultural map as part of the City of Sydney activation projects.

YCKL Festival program: <https://www.ycklaneways.com.au/>
 YCKL Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ycklaneways/>
 YCKL Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YCKlaneways>

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 the traditional owners of the land we live, create, meet and work.