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Cambridge Poetry Festival

Cambridge Poetry Festival returns with visual art exhibition



Cambridge
Poetry
Festival

READINGS

An exhibition of
poetry and visual art

With the poets
Leo Boix
Lee Codrington
Wesley Freeman-Smith
Daisy Thurston-Gent
Alice Willitts

and artworks by
MA Illustration
students at Cambridge
School of Art, ARU

Fundraising Evening
With live readings
from the poets and
sale of artworks
Friday 26 June
6pm–9pm
Ruskin Gallery, ARU
East Road
Cambridge

A gallery exhibition showcasing the works of poets and art students will be on display in Cambridge at the end of June, as part of the upcoming Cambridge Poetry Festival.

Readings is an annual collaboration between the [Cambridge Poetry Festival](#) and the [Cambridge School of Art](#) from Anglia Ruskin University, coordinated by festival director Angus Allman and course leader Nick Jeeves.

“Seeing this project and the creative dynamics between the students and poets unfold over the last 6 months has been extraordinary.” **Angus told us,** “The level of work on display is exceptional and bodes incredibly well for this project as it runs into the future.”

The Cambridge Poetry Festival recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Founded in 1975 by poet Richard Berengarten, the original festival ran until the mid 80s, and over the course of

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its decade long run welcomed internationally renowned poets such as Ted Hughes, Seamus Heaney, and Allen Ginsberg. It was revived in 2025 by Festival's current team with a [50th anniversary event](#) held at Pembroke College.

Readings marks the start of a series of events run by the Cambridge Poetry Festival, including collaborations with regular Cambridge-based poetry events *CB1 Poetry*, *Future Karaoke*, and *Mill Road Poetry*. The main festival weekend will be held in Cambridge in October 2026. Details to be released at a later date.

Readings will be exhibiting at the Ruskin Gallery from the 24th – 26th June 2026 with a special fundraising event held on the 26th June.

For more details and tickets to the event <https://www.cambridgepoetryfestival.org/>

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Small example of works exhibited:

Full resolution images available on request



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