Hölderlin, World Poetry Day & poesiefestival berlin
Preview of the Haus für Poesie programme for 2020

Hölderlin 250, World Poetry Day, poesiefestival berlin – the Haus für Poesie has some big events lined up for the first half of 2020. As well as the annual highlights, the UNESCO World Poetry Day and the poesiefestival berlin, there will be a series of events marking the 250th anniversary of the birth of Friedrich Hölderlin.

Come! Into the Open – a series of events on Hölderlin in March 2020

20 March 2020 is the 250th anniversary of the birth of Friedrich Hölderlin. The Haus für Poesie is celebrating this poet of the German language, who was at first neglected and then admired, in March 2020 with a three-day series of events. It will be accompanied by a poetry education programme for school classes and teachers.

17 March 2020
The Hölderlin World Sound: Friedrich Hölderlin and his translators
Translators from around the world are invited to a colloquium to discuss the history of the reception of Hölderlin and his fascination in their countries. They include Luigi Reitani (Italy), Helena Cortés Gabaudan (Spain), Aris Fioretos (Sweden) and Zhengxiang Gu (China), Maria Teresa Dias Furtado (Portugal), David Constantine (United Kingdom), Mehmet Barış Albayrak (Turkey), Mati Sirkel (Estonia)

18 March 2020
Poets in times of need: international poets react to Hölderlin
Six international poets for whom Hölderlin is a poetic keystone explore why his work still has such an aesthetic impact today. They include Laurynas Katkus (Lithuania), Ali Abdollahi (Iran) and Endre Kukorelly (Hungary), Thanassis Lambrou (Greece), Kim Jae-Hyeok (South Korea), Ezequiel Zaidenwerg (Argentina)

19 March 2020
Thus I came among the Germans: German-language poets and Hölderlin
Four German poets from former East and West Germany talk about “their” Hölderlin. Are or rather were there differences in his reception west and east of the Elbe? With Marion Poschmann, Kerstin Hensel, Uwe Kolbe and Gerhard Falkner

Come! Into the Open
TUES 17 March, WEDS 18 March and THU 19 March 2020
Haus für Poesie
Knaackstrasse 97 (Kulturbrauerei)
10435 Berlin
UNESCO World Poetry Day on 21 March 2020

UNESCO inaugurated the first World Poetry Day in 2001. Since then, the importance of poetry, the diversity of language as a cultural good and the significance of oral traditions have been celebrated on this day each year. Once again, under the patronage of the German Commission for UNESCO, the Haus für Poesie together with its partners is organising the central event in Germany, which is taking place on 20 March.

UNESCO World Day of Poetry
FRI 20 March 2020 | 7 pm
Stiftung Brandenburger Tor
Pariser Platz 7
10117 Berlin

21st poesiefestival berlin: Planet P (5 – 11 June 2020)

Under the heading Planet P the 21st poesiefestival berlin is taking place from 5 to 11 June. The international festival of poetry will shed light on poetry as political practice in movements such as ‘lyrical activism’. Canada is the partner country for 2020, and its linguistic diversity will be at the centre of the festival programme. The translation workshop VERSchmuggel / reVERSible will also reflect this with three languages – German, English and French.

Weltklang – Night of Poetry, the big annual opening gala, and Poets’ Corner, poetry readings and performances in Berlin’s city boroughs, will also once again be part of the festival.

21st poesiefestival berlin: Planet P
FRI 5 June – THU 11 June 2020
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