

Eugen Gomringer in the UK

a celebratory tour by the “acknowledged father of concrete poetry”*

12th – 16th September 2011



The celebrated artist Eugen Gomringer (born 1925) will be visiting the UK in September 2011. Gomringer has spent a lifetime immersed in the creation of text based work, concrete poetry and minimalist art, as well as publishing, editing and curating. This is a rare opportunity to see and hear examples of his work.

Schedule:

Monday 12 September

Eugen Gomringer will be reading, and in conversation with poet Harry Gilonis, at the Saison Poetry Library, Southbank Centre, London. Time: 7.00pm Admission free, but booking essential at: specialedition@poetrylibrary.org.uk

Venue Details:

Poetry Library, Level 5, Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 8XX

Tel: 020 7943/0664

www.poetrylibrary.org.uk

Tuesday 13 September

Reception and opening of exhibition “Eugen Gomringer and the Francesco Conz Collection” at De Montfort University. Times 12.00 – 1.30pm Admission free

Venue Details:

De Montfort University, Faculty of Humanities, Clephan Building, Bonners Lane, Leicester LE1 9BH (follow signs from Clephan Building entrance)

Contact: Joanne Tidswell Tel: 0116 250 6263

email: jtidswell@dmu.ac.uk

Map: www.dmu.ac.uk/aboutdmu/campuses/maps/leic_carpark.jsp

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Tuesday 13 September

Opening of exhibition "Concept as Concrete Form: Visual Poetry, Texts and Typography" at University of Derby, in the presence of Eugen Gomringer. Welcome by Prof. Huw Davies, Dean of Arts, Design and Technology, University of Derby. Times: 6.30 – 8.00pm Admission free.

Venue Details:

University of Derby, School of Arts, Design and Technology, Markeaton Street, Derby DE22 3AW

Contact: Rodger Brown r.g.brown@derby.ac.uk

Wednesday 14th September

Talk by Gomringer "The interrelation between concrete art and poetry"

Time: 10.30am, Admission Free

Venue Details:

University of Derby, School of Arts, Design and Technology, Markeaton Street, Derby DE22 3AW

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Thursday 15 September

"A Day Out at Shandy Hall with Eugen Gomringer". Readings and presentation by Gomringer, together with informal conversation at Shandy Hall, the Museum of the Laurence Sterne Trust. With guided tours of the Museum and Hall, and lunch at Coxwold Village Hall. Also viewing of the exhibition 'The Emblem of My Work', celebrating the 250th anniversary of the marbled page in 'Tristram Shandy' featuring works from international artists and writers.

A £15 charge for the day includes lunch, admission to the Gomringer reading, guided tour of the museum and entry to the exhibition. Times: 11.45 – 5.00pm, meeting initially in the Village Hall, Coxwold at 11.45am

Venue Details:

Shandy Hall, Coxwold, York YO61 4AD

www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk

Booking essential contact Rodger Brown: r.g.brown@derby.ac.uk

Transport from York railway station to Shandy Hall can be arranged on request.

Friday 16 September

The Scottish Poetry Library. Eugen Gomringer will be reading and in conversation with poet, Thomas A Clark. Time: 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Venue Details:

Scottish Poetry Library, 5 Crichton's Close, Canongate, Edinburgh EH8 8DT

www.spl.org.uk

Contact: Julie Johnstone 0131 557 2876

*The Gomringer UK Tour is organised jointly by University of Derby and RGAP (Research Group for Artists Publications) www.rgap.co.uk
* Emmett Williams speaking of Gomringer, from *An Anthology of Concrete Poetry*, edited by Emmett Williams, Something Else Press, 1967*

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For more information on the works of Eugen Gomringer visit www.ubu.com/historical/gomringer/index.html