

THE 2014 LOWRY LOUNGE

Tickets

Walk (11am-1pm) £5/Iain Sinclair talk (2-3.30pm) £5/
combined ticket £8/book launch (4-6pm) free

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a celebration of Malcolm Lowry

at the Bluecoat, Saturday 25 October

The 2014 Lowry Lounge

The Bluecoat's annual celebration of Merseyside-born author of *Under the Volcano*, Malcolm Lowry (1909-57), features the European launch of his 'lost' novel, *In Ballast to the White Sea* (University of Ottawa Press).

This autobiographical book, Lowry's longest and most ambitious project of the mid-1930s, was thought to have been lost in a fire, but was later discovered in New York Public Library after it became known his first wife, Jan Gabriel, still had a typescript of the book. Now, nearly 60 years after the writer's death, the first published edition is being launched at this day-long event.

The book, partly set on Merseyside, is about a Cambridge undergraduate who wants to be a novelist but has come to believe that both his book and, in a sense, his life have already been 'written' by a Norwegian novelist.

Programme 11am-6pm

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Walking tour of Liverpool city centre, led by **Colin Dilnot**

Lowry's Liverpool explored, taking in sites relating to *In Ballast to the White Sea* and his childhood years on Merseyside. (Limited capacity. Start and finish at the Bluecoat)

1-2pm **Break:** View a display in the Hub of material from the Bluecoat's previous Lowry programmes, and audio visual presentation and music in the Performance Space. Espresso and Bistro upstairs open.

2-3pm

Iain Sinclair and Lowry: Iain Sinclair talks about Malcolm Lowry in relation to his book *American Smoke*, which follows in the footsteps of American Beat writers and of Lowry, whose work in some ways anticipated theirs. Followed by an in conversation with Robert Sheppard, poet and author of *Iain Sinclair: Writers and their Work*.

3-3.40pm

Interval: Lowry soundscape and opportunity for book signing. Books provided by News from Nowhere bookshop.

3.40-4pm

Launch of *The Firminist*: Editor **Mark Goodall** introduces the fourth issue of this occasional Lowry journal, with **Helen Tookey** reading poems.

4-6pm

***In Ballast to the White Sea: A Scholarly Edition* book launch** Introductory talk by the book's editor Patrick A. McCarthy (University of Miami) and Vik Doyen (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) on *Swinging the Maelstrom*, which he edited as the first of a series of three University of Ottawa Press publications of Lowry's work. Followed by a panel discussion also including Merseyside Lowry expert **Colin Dilnot**, who contributed research to Chris Ackerley's annotations for *In Ballast*. Chaired by **Ailsa Cox**.

The book launch includes drinks and a toast to Lowry.

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