



2nd International Festival for Young Poets @ the First Step

The 2nd International Festival for Young Poets, **@ the First Step**, is an open stage, that will encourage emerging young poets to participate in order to present their creative identity...

Young poets, aged 15 to 30 years old, talented, adventurous, with a dynamic language, a fresh look, everyone from his/her own starting point, will have the opportunity to share their first journeys into poetry, with both the public and other internationally known poets from Cyprus and abroad.

All participating poets, emerging and established, will take part in open to the public and media discussions and share their first *encounters* with poetry; their first personal poetic experiences.

The first event, ***First Routes in poetry***, will take place on **Friday, 4 November, at 18.00**, at **Kasteliotissa Medieval Hall, Nicosia**. It is an Open Discussion (in Greek), a round meeting of all participants; young and established poets, during which all will share experiences and stories, with interaction with the public (open to Q&As).

The evening will continue with the event ***Round and Round... poetry*** (starting at **19.30**) during which all guests from abroad and about half of the emerging poets will read in the original language while the translations will be projected in Greek and / or English

On Saturday, we shall visit the **Kourion Ancient Amphitheatre** (part of the excursion) where at around **11.30**, all participants will read / perform at the ancient theatre in front of visiting tourists. The event is titled ***from the first ... to the last step***

In the evening at **18.00**, at **PROZAK Kafeneio** (cultural café), **Nicosia**, the second Open Discussion (in English) titled ***First Routes in poetry***, will take place.

Then at around **20.00**, the guests from abroad and the remaining emerging poets will read in the original language (with projected translations).

The festival will close with the ***Rock Poetry Concert*** by 'Old Fashioned' (a band of young musicians).

The Festival for Young Poets @ the First Step, is a biannual event organised by Ideogramma, a not for profit organisation. This edition is sponsored by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Cyprus Tourism Organisation, the cultural organisation Pro Helvetia (Switzerland), the Embassies of Italy and Israel in Cyprus and Alpha Bank in Cyprus.

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