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LUMINATE POETRY SLAM 2013

One of the Festival's first year highlights, the **Luminate Slam** will be back again this year at the **Ghillie Dhú**, Rutland Place, in the heart of Edinburgh, for one night on **Sunday 13 October** and is open for entries from competitors from now on.

October is the month to celebrate with Luminate: the festival highlights arts activities with, by and for older people, as well as events for audiences and participants whatever their age.

The hugely popular **Luminate Slam** celebrates Scotland's unstoppable poetry scene and will be compered by **Jenny Lindsay**, winner of the 2012 BBC Slam and one of the vibrant and versatile duo Rally and Broad. The judges will be **Eleanor Livingstone**, director of StAnza Poetry Festival; **Peggy Hughes**, recently appointed to run the Dundee Literary Festival and **Michael Pedersen** Of Neu! Reekie! renown. The evening will also feature a guest performance by acclaimed poet **Hollie McNish**.

Slam veterans know to expect any style and any subject from hilarious to heart-rending, political to philosophical and much more. Poets compete for a potential place in the final and a well-earned prize.

So, come along to compete or to relax and enjoy the evening as a member of the audience. You, the audience are a vital ingredient in the judging mix.

The **Luminate Slam** is now open for entries. Please contact Inky Fingers at inkyfingersedinburgh@gmail.com by **30 August** with your details and 'Luminate Slam Entry' in the subject line to enter the competition.

On **Sunday 13 October** doors at the **Ghillie Dhú** open at **7.00pm** and the competition begins at **7.30pm**. Luminate Slam is a **FREE** event but booking is essential and tickets are available **NOW**. To book your ticket: phone the Traverse Box Office 0131 228 1404 or go to the Traverse, Cambridge Street, in person. Tickets may be collected at the Ghillie Dhú on the night.

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Notes to editors

1. The Luminate Slam is presented in association with Inky Fingers
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2. Highlights from the independently organised programme at Luminate 2012 included:
 - An exhibition of artwork by **Perth University of the Third Age**. Most of the artists had never exhibited before and the project attracted many new members.
 - **Scottish Opera** took their bite-sized performances of *Little Bit of Magic Flute* to care homes, sheltered housing communities and older people's groups across Scotland.
 - Musselburgh's **Brunton Youth Theatre** presented *Lana's Nana*, a new play written by young members in collaboration with older people from Dunbar Day Centre. The piece was performed at the **Brunton Theatre** and toured East Lothian.
 - **Merkinch Community Centre** in Inverness presented *The Big Singaround*, a community singing event for older people.
 - **CatStrand** in New Galloway organised a one-off screening of *Singin' in the Rain*, followed by a cream tea and a sing-along.
3. Information on the programme for **Luminate 2013** will be available for audiences and participants by early September.

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