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## **Press Release: For immediate release**

- **TONGUE IN CHIC NEXT GIG SUNDAY 26 September, 2010**
- **HEADLINER: MARK GWYNNE JONES**
- **TONGUE IN CHIC RETURNS AFTER SUCCESSFUL BUXTON FRINGE AND FESTIVAL APPEARANCES FOR HOST MARK NIEL**

Described by John Hegley as "a very special poetry Sunday", Tongue in Chic continues to try new things and bring the best Poets it can find to Milton Keynes. This time Mark Gwynne Jones

### **A SIZLING SUMMER**

It's been a great summer as for the first time, Tongue in Chic made an appearance at a Fringe Festival. A successful run saw the team garner good reviews and admirers at the "Friendly Fringe". It was an exciting first step into Festivals for Organiser, Mark Niel:

***"It was fantastic to represent Milton Keynes in the arts at Buxton. It has a reputation as a friendly Fringe Festival and we had a great time in front of receptive audiences. The good reviews were the icing on the cake".***

Local poet Mark enjoyed a great summer as he made appearances at a number of high profile Festivals including Wychwood and Green Man. He has also been chosen to represent the South East region as part of the "Public Address" tour organised by Apples and Snakes later in the year.

## **MARK GWYNNE JONES COMES TO HEADLINE**

On Sunday 26 September, Four times fringe-award winner, Mark Gwynne Jones comes to headline at Tongue in Chic. Mark is well known for mind altering poetry with an almost music-hall edge. He mixes humour and poignancy with great skill and through collaborations with film-makers and musicians he is pushing poetry in new and exciting directions. Mark's work can be funny, contagious, gritty and sometimes startlingly sensitive which has earned the following accolades:

*'Inspired... one of the most accomplished performance poets in the land...drawing the audience into a world where things are not quite what they seem'* **The Guardian**

*'I always stipulate that who ever is on with me hasn't got to be any good - this one got past me - I don't know how, but heads will roll.'*

**John Cooper Clarke**

## **OPEN MIC SESSIONS**

Open Mic spots are available so you can have your three minutes of fame and Open Mic performers can get tickets at the concession rate.

For more information on the show or Open Mic opportunities, email Mark Niel at [markniel@gmail.com](mailto:markniel@gmail.com) or call 01908 691755 to reserve tickets.

**Tickets are £6 / £4 if reserved in advance or £7 / £5 on the door.**

**Venue: Madcap, Creed Street, Wolverton 7.30pm (Doors Open at 7pm) Sunday 26 September, 2010.**

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## **Notes to editors**

- Tongue in Chic is a Voluntary Community Poetry and Spoken Word initiative based in Milton Keynes.
- The purpose is to encourage and engage the local Community in poetry and spoken word and provide a platform to perform.
- Tongue in Chic exists to complement, not compete with all other local writing and poetry initiatives such as Monkey Kettle, Poetry Kapow! Scribal Gatherings etc.
- Tongue in Chic brings Poets from the national scene into Milton Keynes to inspire local writers and to put Milton Keynes on the national map for Poetry and Spoken Word