

U DX383

**Publications by Cliff Forshaw,
including works by the Humber Writers**

1991-2017

Historical Background:

Cliff Forshaw was born in 1953 in Liverpool. Aged sixteen, he left school and began working at an abattoir, before enrolling at art college to study painting. Around this time he also gained an interest in languages, studying at various institutions including Warwick and Cambridge Universities before working in several different countries including the US, Germany, Spain, Mexico and Italy and working as a freelance writer in London. After an MA in Renaissance Studies at Birkbeck College, London University, he completed a doctorate on Elizabethan Literature at Oxford and went on to teach at Bangor, Sheffield and Hull Universities. He still teaches at Hull University as a Senior Lecturer in English and Creative Writing.

Forshaw has published several collections of poems including *Trans* (2005), *Wake* (2009) *Tiger* (2011), *A Ned Kelly Hymnal* (2009), *Vandemonian* (2013) and *Pilgrim Tongues* (2015). As a poet, he has also held a number of residencies: International Writer-in-Residence, Tasmanian Writers' Centre at Hobart, (2004); Djerassi Resident Artist in California (2011); Hawthornden Writing Fellow, Hawthornden Castle, Scotland (1998 and 2009); Alviogut Foundation Writers' Programme, Romania (2004); Borsec, Transylvania, Romania (2011); CAMAC, Marnay-sur-Seine, France (2014). He has won a number of awards including the Welsh Academi John Tripp Award for Poetry (2002) and has been Poetry and Prosody Consultant for the Oxford English Dictionary since 2006.

He is also a founder member of the Humber Writers and his work has been included in all of their anthologies including *Postcards from Hull* (2011) and *Sketches, Dispatches, Hull Tales and Ballads* (2012), both of which were produced for the annual Humber Mouth Festival. For three of the Humber Writers' anthologies (*Drift*, *Under Travelling Skies* and *Slipway*), Forshaw has also created short films to accompany the respective books. He also continues to paint and has exhibited work in England and the US; he contributed some of his own paintings and photographs to illustrate the works of the Humber Writers.

Other areas on which Forshaw has written, include Renaissance poetry, translation and myth. He is also keenly interested in the satirists such as John Marston who operated during the Elizabethan and Jacobean eras.

The **Humber Writers** is a group of poets and other writers, who have produced collective works inspired by Hull and the surrounding area. Several of their works have been commissioned specifically for literary festivals or awards including the Humber Mouth Festival, the Beverley Literature Festival and the Larkin25 Awards. Their anthologies include *Architexts* (2007), *Drift* (2008), *Hide* (2010), *Postcards from Hull* (2011), *Slipway* (2013), *Under Travelling Skies* (2012) and *Incoming* (2014).

Custodial history:

Deposited by Cliff Forshaw, March 2015

Description:

This collection contains published works of poetry by Cliff Forshaw as well as anthologies produced by the Humber Writers, of which Cliff Forshaw is a member.

Extent: 50 items

Related material:

Papers of Philip Larkin [U DPL]

Papers of Stevie Smith [U DP156; U DP209]

Papers of Gavin Ewart [U DP163]

Papers of Douglas Dunn [U DDD]

Papers of Roger McGough [U DX92]

Archives of the poetry magazines 'Listen' [U DX73], 'New Review' [U DP168], 'Phoenix' [U DP162], 'Reality Studios' [U DRS], 'Wave' [U DP158] and 'Spectacular Diseases' [U DP191]

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX383/1	Esau's Children by Cliff Forshaw Collection of poems published by The National Poetry Foundation. Includes two copies, one signed. 2 items	1991
U DX383/2	Himalayan Fish by Cliff Forshaw Collection of poems published by Peacock Books. 2 items	1991
U DX383/3	Minus Twenty-Seven: Three Poems for a Russian New Year by Cliff Forshaw Collection of poems published by Weasel Productions 1 item	Dec 1993
U DX383/4	Strange Tongues by Cliff Forshaw Collection of poems published by Weasel Productions. Includes a separate copy of 'A God Perhaps, after the German of Rilke'. 2 items	1994
U DX383/5	Peace-Keeping by Cliff Forshaw Two postcards of poem 'Peace-Keeping, Mozambique' 2 items	1994
U DX383/6	The Dade County Book of the Dead by Cliff Forshaw Collection of poems published by The National Poetry Foundation. Includes two copies, one signed. 2 items	1995

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U DX383/7	<p>Four Poems to commemorate the unveiling of 'Voyage' by Steinum Thorarinsdottir</p> <p>Poetry anthology containing works by Angela Leighton, Carol Rumens, Cliff Forshaw and David Wheatley, published by [Hull City Council]. 'Voyage' is a statue by Steinum Thorarinsdottir to commemorate the fishing and trade links between Hull and Iceland. A sister statue is located in Vik, Iceland.</p> <p>1 item</p>	2004
U DX383/8	<p>Trans by Cliff Forshaw</p> <p>Collection of poems published by The Collective Press. Includes two copies, one signed as well as a flyer advertising the book and a booklet entitled 'Forshaw's Trans: A Fore-taste' containing four poems from the full publication.</p> <p>4 items</p>	2005
U DX383/9	<p>Architexts</p> <p>Poetry anthology containing works by Cliff Forshaw, David Kennedy, Christopher Reid and David Wheatley, published by Humber Mouth, Hull City Arts.</p> <p>1 item</p>	2007
U DX383/10	<p>Drift</p> <p>Poetry anthology containing works by Cliff Forshaw, David Kennedy, Simon Kerr, Christopher Reid and David Wheatley, published by Humber Mouth, Hull City Arts. Produced as a Special Commission for the Humber Mouth Literature Festival 2008..</p> <p>1 item</p>	2008
U DX383/11	<p>A Ned Kelly Hymnal by Cliff Forshaw</p> <p>Collection of poems published by The Paper/The Cherry on the Top Press. Includes two copies, one signed.</p> <p>2 items</p>	2009
U DX383/12	<p>Wake by Cliff Forshaw</p> <p>Collection of poems published by Flarestack Poets. Includes two copies, one signed.</p> <p>2 items</p>	2009
U DX383/13	<p>Hide</p> <p>Poetry anthology containing works by Mary Aherne, Aingeal Clare, Cliff Forshaw, Ray French, Sam Gardiner, David Kennedy, Kath McKay, Graham Mort, Carol Rumens, Malcolm Watson, John Wedgwood Clarke and David Wheatley. Produced as a Special Commission for the Humber Mouth Literature Festival 2010 and published by Humber Mouth, Hull City Arts. Includes copies of wildlife and landscape paintings by Cliff Forshaw.</p> <p>1 item</p>	2010

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U DX383/14	<p>Old City, New Rumours: A Hull Anthology edited by Ian Gregson and Carol Rumens</p> <p>Poetry anthology containing works by Peter Didsbury, Douglas Dunn, Andy Fletcher, Tony Flynn, Cliff Forshaw, Sam Gardiner, Chris Greenhalgh, Ian Gregson, T.F. Griffin, Douglas Houston, Margot K. Juby, David Kennedy, Angela Leighton, Frances Leviston, Roger McGough, Andrew Motion, Grace Nichols, Sean O'Brien, Caitriona O'Reilly, Ian Parks, Tom Paulin, Tony Petch, Genny Rahtz, Frank Redpath, Christopher Reid, Carol Rumens, Maurice Rutherford, David Wheatley and Susan Wicks. Published by Five Leaves Publications.</p> <p>1 item</p>	2010
U DX383/15	<p>Postcards from Hull edited by Mary Aherne</p> <p>Poetry anthology containing works by Mary Aherne, Aingeal Clare, John Wedgwood Clarke, Cliff Forshaw, Ray French, Janis Goodman, Kath McKay, Christopher Reid, Carol Rumens, Maurice Rutherford, Malcolm Watson and David Wheatley. Produced as a Special Commission for the Humber Mouth Literature Festival 2011 and published by Humber Mouth, Hull City Arts. Includes two copies of the anthology and two copies of the accompanying series of postcards, both of which include paintings and photographs by Cliff Forshaw.</p> <p>4 items</p>	2011
U DX383/16	<p>Tiger by Cliff Forshaw</p> <p>Collection of poems published by HappenStance. Includes two copies, one signed.</p> <p>2 items</p>	2011
U DX383/17	<p>Sketches, Dispatches, Hull Tales and Ballads Edited by Mary Aherne and Cliff Forshaw</p> <p>Anthology containing poems and stories from Mary Aherne, Aingeal Clare, Cliff Forshaw, Ray French, Kath McKay, Carol Rumens, Maurice Rutherford, Malcolm Watson and David Wheatley, with essays by Jane Thomas and Valerie Sanders, and artwork by Cliff Forshaw and Malcolm Watson. Produced as a Special Commission for the Humber Mouth Literature Festival 2012 and published by Kingston Press.</p> <p>2 items</p>	2012

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U DX383/18	<p>Under Travelling Skies: Departures from Larkin edited by Cliff Forshaw</p> <p>Anthology containing poems, stories and pictures about Hull and beyond from the Humber Writers including James Booth, Maurice Rutherford, Cliff Forshaw, David Wheatley, Carol Rumens, Malcolm Watson, Kath McKay, Sarah Stutt, Christopher Reid, Mary Aherne, John Mowat, John Wedgwood Clarke and Ray French. Published by Kingston Press and Winner of the Larkin25 Words Award 2012. Includes two copies of the anthology and an accompanying DVD (25 mins), produced by Cliff Forshaw and featuring poetry from the anthology.</p> <p>4 items</p>	2012
U DX383/19	<p>Slipway edited by Mary Aherne and Cliff Forshaw</p> <p>Anthology containing poems, stories and songs from the Humber Writers including Mary Aherne, Pat Borthwick, Cliff Forshaw, Roddie Harris, Kath McKay, Sarah Stutt and Malcolm Watson. Published by Wordquake and commissioned for the Beverley Literature Festival 2013. Accompanied by a short film by Cliff Forshaw featuring works from the anthology. Includes a flyer advertising the launch of Slipway.</p> <p>5 items</p>	2013
U DX383/20	<p>Vandemonian by Cliff Forshaw</p> <p>Collection of poems published by Arc Publications. Includes two copies, one signed.</p> <p>2 items</p>	2013
U DX383/21	<p>Incoming edited by Mary Aherne</p> <p>Anthology containing poems, prose and images from the Humber Writers including Mary Aherne, Cliff Forshaw, Ray French, Kath McKay, Maurice Rutherford and Malcolm Watson, with contributions from members of the Normandy Veterans Association, Hull. Produced as a Special Commission for the Humber Mouth Literature Festival and published by Humber Mouth, Hull City Arts.</p> <p>2 items</p>	2014
U DX383/22	<p>Pilgrim Tongues by Cliff Forshaw</p> <p>Collection of poems published by Wrecking Ball Press. Includes two copies, both signed.</p> <p>2 items</p>	2015
U DX383/23	<p>Satyr by Cliff Forshaw</p> <p>Collection of poems published by Shoestring Press. Includes two copies, both signed.</p> <p>2 items</p>	2017