

The Arts Forum

(a conversation about writing and life in the arts)

with

James McDermott
(Scriptwriter, Poet and Teacher)

on

Wednesday 22nd of May



An interview discussing the life of a writer; the importance of writing personally and professionally; James's background, as well as influences on his work, (illustrated with material from authors and others who are, or have been, important to him); how and why he became a writer; the challenges and rewards of being one, as well as of teaching; and reflecting on life and living in Norfolk.

James's published plays include *Time and Tide* (Park Theatre; Offie nominated for Best New Play 2020) and *Rubber Ring* (Pleasance Islington/UK Tour). His poetry books include *Wild Life* (Nine Arches Press), *Erased* (Polari Press) and *Manatomy* (Burning Eye; longlisted for Polari's First Book Prize 2021). He is also one of the writers on BBC soap opera *EastEnders* and has written plays for BBC Radio 4. He is an Arvon writing tutor and teaches scriptwriting at the University of East Anglia.

Each Forum lasts about an hour, after which there will be time for questions. It is held in the main hall and/or bar area of The Venue, depending on numbers.

**Arrive at 6.30pm, (when the bar will be open), for a prompt 7.00pm start
The evening will finish 8.30pm-ish**

Though events are usually free donations for The Community Centre Charity are gratefully accepted.

No need to book just turn up on the night.

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