

Siobhan Mac Mahon

Brief Biography



'A declaration for Life by a very talented poet who gives us a liberating glimpse of an alternate way of being' - Halifax Irish Festival 2008

Siobhan Mac Mahon is an Irish Poet, Performer and Playwright resident in Leeds. The live experience of the Spoken Word is at the heart and centre of her work and she has many years of experience delighting audiences with her vital and often comic performances.

Her current piece, **The Mouth of the Cave**, (Arts Council funded) which she performs with Musician Sabrina Piggott, is a passionate and provocative piece of Performance Poetry and music invoking the magic, myths and mayhem of the ancient Irish Goddesses and their modern day counterparts, interweaving word, sound, music and drumming.

Siobhan writes and performs widely as well as devising and running projects which explore and celebrate the spoken word, both for schools and community groups. She co founded and ran **Wicked Words**, a monthly, vibrant Spoken Word evening in Leeds and received Arts council funding to set up **Voices of Women**, a project encouraging and celebrating diverse women's voices.

She has performed her poetry at Festivals, Arts Centres and theatres including: Stanza poetry festival, Scotland, the Ilkley Literature festival, Bradford Book Festival, Seven Arts centre, Leeds, the Halifax Irish festival, the Drum Arts centre, Birmingham, Seven Arts centre, Leeds, the Morley literature arts festival, Wicklow Arts festival, Ireland. Sirius Arts Centre, Cobh, Ireland. She was the winner of the Ilkley literature Festival Open Mic 2008 and Sheffield Off the Shelf literature Festival 'Poet Star' 2006.

Siobhan originally trained as an Architect before training in drama at the Drama Studio London, she is a member of Equity and of NAWE

"In her Irish lilt Mac Mahon brought magic to even the most mundane aspects of life" Bradford Telegraph and Argus.

‘Prepare to be swept along by a swirling, heady evocation of the joy, ecstasy, existential excitement and libidinous energy submerged in us for so long and now prompted as possibility by this explosive playfest of word crafting.- Joe Sheeran, Arts programmer.