

PEN South Africa newsletter / Issue 17 2017

[View this email in your browser](#)



Issue 17
13 September 2017
ISSN 2410-2210



Civil Society Programme Exhibition 2017

PEN International released the Civil Society Programme Exhibition 2017 to mark International Literacy Day on 8 September. PEN SA's work with PRAESA is featured in the Exhibition:

For over 10 years, the PEN International Civil Society Programme, supported by Sida and Clifford Chance, has been working to promote literature in education, increase youth engagement and empower through literature in countries around the

world.

The Civil Society Programme currently consists of 26 PEN Centre-led projects. Each project is focused on working within communities, many marginalised in terms of literature and language, to empower individuals and to promote literature as a tool for cross-cultural understanding. A large number of Centres also carry out advocacy around freedom of expression issues. Together, they all contribute to the collective goal of the Civil Society Programme: that freedom of expression is understood and asserted and that civil society expresses itself creatively and critically, enhancing freedom of expression policy and practice...[read more](#)

(Image courtesy of PEN International)



Africa's Internet Shutdowns Stifling Press Freedom by Jonathan Rozen

"The internet for journalism is now like the air you breathe," said Befeqadu Hailu, an Ethiopian journalist and a



The JRB has Published a Retrospective of Victor Dlamini's Photographs

The Johannesburg Review of Books has published thirty portraits of authors shot over the last ten years by PEN SA

member of the Zone 9 blogger collective who was arrested in April 2014 and charged with terrorism. "Without the internet, modern journalism means nothing."

Yet, the internet is something that journalists in multiple African countries are often forced to do without...[read more](#)

(Image courtesy of [GIJN](#))

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



Achmat Dangor has a new novel out, [Dikeledi: Child of Tears, No More](#), and Phillippa Yaa De Villiers' third poetry collection [ice-cream headache](#)

member Victor Dlamini, including the above portrait of PEN SA Board Member Gabeba Baderoon...[read more](#)

(Image courtesy of Victor Dlamini via [The JRB](#))

UPCOMING EVENTS

See what's [still coming up this month](#), including the Hilton Arts Festival, Tuin van Digters, Kimberley Book Fair and a poetry festival with PEN SA Board Member Gabeba Baderoon.

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Commonwealth Short Story Prize...[read more](#)

Kwasukela Books calling for isiZulu short fiction...[read more](#)

Kathy Fish Fellowship for New and Emerging Writers...[read more](#)

Invisible Borders calling for African writers and illustrators of children's

[in my bone](#) has been published. Newly joined PEN SA member Marcus Low's debut novel, [Asylum](#), was published in March...[read more](#)

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES

It was decided at the last committee meeting that the PEN SA subscription year will no longer run from 1st October to 30th September but will henceforth run from 1st March to 28th February. The current subscription year has thus been extended to run for the period 1st October 2016 to 28th February 2018 to accommodate this change. As a result the usual renewal notice will not be sent to you next month but in March next year.

- Deborah Horn-Botha, PEN SA Secretary

WELCOME

Welcome to new PEN SA Professional members Marcus Low and Perfect Hlongwane.

books...[read more](#)

Hendrick's Tiny Tales Contest...[read more](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Former PEN SA Board Member Geoffrey Haresnape and PEN SA member Nick Mulgrew have been named winners of the English Academy of Southern Africa Awards...[read more](#)

Former PEN SA Board Member Mike van Graan has been awarded the 2018 Hiroshima Prize...[read more](#)

Former PEN SA Board member Geoffrey Haresnape and PEN SA members Jim Pascual Agustin, Margaret Clough, Christine Coates, Gail Dendy, Dawn Garisch and Sihle Ntuli have been longlisted for the 2017 Sol Plaatje European Union Poetry Award and Anthology...[read more](#)

PEN SA member Jim Pascual Agustin has been shortlisted for a Philippine National Book Award...[read more](#)

AWARDS NEWS

The winner of the Ingrid Jonker Prize for Poetry 2017 has been announced...[read more](#)

Send us your news

Had a book published recently? Attended or participated in a festival? Won an award? Achieved a personal milestone of note? We welcome any news of your activities for future issues of the PEN SA newsletter. Please let us know if your email changes so we can update our mailing list.

Please email your contributions
to communications@pensouthafrica.co.za



Facebook



Twitter



Website

Copyright © 2017 PEN South Africa, all rights reserved. All information regarding awards/competitions, residencies, festivals, etc., included in this newsletter is passed on to you as a service to PEN SA members. Any questions regarding entry rules, entry processes, festival programmes, etc., should be sent directly to the relevant organisers. PEN SA attempts to establish that the information received is genuine before passing this on to our members, but we cannot be held responsible should that not be the case.

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

This email was sent to <<Email Address>>
[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)
PEN South Africa · Tokai · Cape Town, Wc 7966 · South Africa

