

## Biographies

### Matthew Barton

Matthew Barton has published three collections of poetry, the latest being *Family Tree* (Shoestring Press 2106). He co-edits the possibly now defunct poetry magazine *Raceme*, and teaches on the Diploma in Creative Writing in Oxford

### Jo Burns

Born in Northern Ireland, Jo Burns now lives in Germany. Jo's poetry has been published most recently in *Acumen*, *Southward*, *Oxford Poetry* and *Banshee*. Jo won the Shirley McClure Poetry Prize at the Irish Writers Festival in Los Gatos, CA and the Christmas Fortnight Poetry Prize. Her debut pamphlet was published in March by Eyewear Publishing.

### Peggie Gallagher

Peggie Gallagher's work has appeared in literary journals in Ireland, England and North America. Shortlisted for Strokestown International and Gregory O'Donoghue poetry awards. Winner of the Listowel Poetry Collection prize, 2012. Her first collection, *Tilth*, is published by Arlen Hous

### Atar J Hadari

Atar Hadari's "Songs from Bialik: Selected Poems of H. N. Bialik" (Syracuse University Press) was a finalist for the American Literary Translators' Association Award and his debut collection, "Rembrandt's Bible", was published by Indigo Dreams in 2013. "Lives of the Dead: Poems of Hanoch Levin" won a Pen Translates award and is forthcoming from Arc Publications.

### Peter Keeble

Peter Keeble was brought up in London and returned there in young adulthood after seven years studying and teaching in Auckland. Many of his poems reflect a teenage passion for science fiction and a later fascination with philosophy and history. Retired after a career in social research, he is an active member of organisations concerned with poetry, philosophy, photography and the interests of carers.

### Maisie Lawrence

Maisie Lawrence is a poet and editor. She works for Bookouture and is a co-founder of Pride in Publishing, a network for LGBTQ+ people who work with books. She is a member of Malika's Poetry Kitchen and is writing a series of poems about displacement and migration. Find her on Twitter: @maisiefrances

### karla k. morton

Award winning 2010 Texas Poet Laureate karla k. morton has twelve poetry collections. Twice an Indie National Book Award winner, Betsy Colquitt award winner, and E2C Grant recipient, she's published in journals such as *American Life in Poetry*, the *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Southword*, *descant* and *Comstock Review*. She is on her *Words of Preservation: Poets Laureate National Parks Tour* to help culturally preserve America's Parks for the next 100 years.

### Julie-ann Rowell

Julie-ann Rowell's pamphlet collection *Convergence* (Brodie Press) won a PBS Award. Her collection *Letters North* was nominated for the Michael Murphy Poetry Prize for Best First Collection in Britain and Ireland in 2011. Her latest collection, *Voices in the Garden*, a sequence about the life of Joan of Arc, is published by Lapwing Publications, Belfast. She has been teaching poetry in Bristol for ten years.

