





## ONGOING PROGRAM

### (Book) stands

**Cross Comix 19:00 - 23:00**

Cross Comix exists to look beyond the boundaries of visual storytelling. With their platform they aim to build bridges between art disciplines, by also approaching current social issues. Together with Poetry International, Cross Comix developed a crossover between poetry and graphic novels, in which creators were inspired by each other's work. At the book sale you can find a selection of graphic poetry.

### Book signings Friday

**Bookstore Bosch&deJong 18:30 - 23:00**

You will always find something you were (not) looking for, in the independent, literary bookstore of Eelkje Christine Bosch and Folco de Jong. During the Poetry International Festival they make sure you can get all the books of the performing guests and more! Their corner also hosts the signing sessions of the various writers.

### Signing Sessions

**19:15 - 19:25 Lieke Marsman**

**20:00 - 20:10 Carl-Christian Elze**

**20:30 - 20:40 Babs Gons**

**21:00 - 21:10 Marjan Slob**

**21:00 - 21:10 Kéchi Nne Nomu**

**21:45 - 21:55 Victoria Chang**

**22:00 - 22:15 Saul Williams**

### Slow Down Corner

**18:30 - 22:00**

In the oh-so-bustling foyer, there's always something going on. In one corner, an AI Poem Booth; in another, poets signing books. That's why it can be so nice to unwind from all the different stimuli and retreat to our *Slow Down Corner*.

Carmen José and Monse Patrón, experienced creative facilitators, will be hosting this corner with their project "Caracolear" an approach to learn from snails (caracoles in Spanish) how to slow down through creative collective activities. They will bring proposals to the slow down table to decompress and digest all the information while crafting poems on different materials hands on. There will be noise cancelling headphones and cozy pillows on a carpet for those in need of low stimuli space.

### AI Poem Booth

**18:30 - 23:00**

Smile at the little bird! And before you know it, you have a personalised poem. The Poem Booth is an AI-driven poetry machine. Using as input the mood of the photo and a poem selection (submitted with permission), the booth generates poems that make your moment at the festival unforgettable. Makers of Studio Vouw are behind the mechanism of this extraordinary installation.

## VISITORS INFO

All programs and rooms are free to walk in and out, but full = full applies. So be on time to secure a spot. The programming in the foyer of LantarenVenster is freely accessible and can also be visited without a festival ticket.

### Poetry Buddies

Poetry Buddies are volunteers who are available for visitors with a support request. They are ready to help where needed. You can recognize our Poetry Buddies by their special T-shirts. Do you like to have a Poetry Buddy by your side during your visit, for example upon arrival, departure, or throughout your entire festival visit? Or do you need help, for example, to reach the festival location from the parking lot or metro station Wilhelminaplein? You can request the services of a Poetry Buddy at the info desk or call +31 10 28 22 777!

### Digital timetable at app TimeSquare

Do you prefer to view the timetable on your phone? Then go to our festival app in TimeSquare. Download it here.



### Merchandise

At our merchandise table, you'll find an array of items that are not just keepsakes, but experiences in themselves. For those seeking serenity amidst the festival's vibrant energy, we offer sound-reducing earloops. Express your love for literature with our stylish Poetry fashion pins and Poetry logo pins. Carry your festival essentials in our trendy tote bags. For a unique memento, purchase our cards, designed for you to pen a note to your future self. Lastly, bring a piece of the Poetry International Festival back home with our posters. Every purchase supports our mission, allowing us to continue celebrating poetry in all its glorious forms!

### Wheelchair accessibility

LantarenVenster is fully wheelchair accessible. All festival rooms are accessible for visitors with a wheelchair. The entrance for room 1 is located on the ground floor, the elevator to reach room 5 and 6 is located in the corridor (on the water side) behind the wheelchair-friendly toilet. Verhalenhuis Belvédère is also accessible for people who use a wheelchair or walker. The building has a lift and adapted toilet, equipped with supports and adapted sink.

In the rooms, three places are always reserved for wheelchairs. These places are located at the front of the room on the first row.

### Visually impaired audience

We are happy to offer visually impaired people the opportunity to sit at the front. Are you bringing a guide or guide dog for the blind? This is allowed at all locations. To make your visit as pleasant as possible, it is best to

share your request at the info stand.

### Deaf and hard of hearing

We make the entire Sunday of the festival for and with deaf and hard of hearing audience. We work closely with deaf and hard of hearing advisors and programmers. On Sunday, you will see performances by the best deaf poets in the world, a sign language interpreter is present at every program.

### Toilets

This year, we are spicing up every corner of the festival. As you take a moment's respite in our restrooms, you'll find yourself in the company of poets from past editions of Poetry International Festival. Don't worry, they won't intrude your privacy. They're preoccupied, immersed in their verses with their eyes cast down on their pages. So, carry on in peace: do your thing, while the poets do theirs (and vice versa).

### Visitor survey

Poetry International would like to know how visitors experienced the festival. That's why we conduct audience research. Pollsters are walking around during the festival. After the festival, we will send you a survey by e-mail. If we don't have your e-mail address yet, you can also complete the survey yourself via this QR code or via one of the pollsters. Your data will be treated confidentially and will be used for our own purposes.



### Recordings for film and photography

We record the festival on film and photo. The images are used for PR of Poetry International.

### Questions and comments

If you have any questions, comments or compliments please let us know. Come to the festival box office in LantarenVenster.

## SEE YOU IN 2025

The 55<sup>th</sup> Poetry International Festival takes place from the 12<sup>th</sup> of June until the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2025. Early bird tickets will be on sale the day after this year's festival on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 via our website: [www.poetry.nl](http://www.poetry.nl).

## LOCATIONS

LV1, LV5, LV6 and LV foyer are located in LantarenVenster. Address: Otto Reuchlinweg 996, Rotterdam-Wilhelminapier

Belvédère BG (ground floor), Belvédère Expo and Belvédère Luisterlobby are located in Verhalenhuis Belvédère. Address: Rechthuislaan 1, Rotterdam-Katendrecht.

It's a 750 m (10 minutes) walk from LantarenVenster to Verhalenhuis Belvédère



# FRIDAY

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**FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2024**