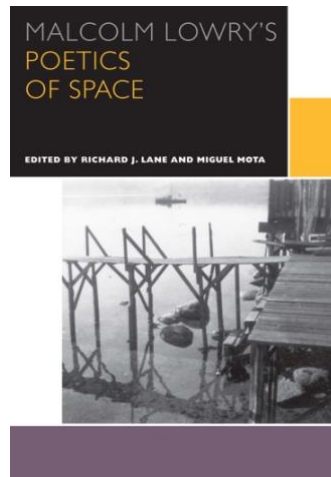


# The 2016 Lowry Lounge



**Saturday 22 October  
10am-6pm**

**programme**

**Bluecoat**

School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BX

## Introduction

Since 2009 Bluecoat has staged an annual celebration of the life and work of Wirral-born writer **Malcolm Lowry** (1909-57), known for his influential 1947 novel, *Under the Volcano*. Regarded as a classic of modernist literature, the book is listed in *The Guardian's* Top 100 Novels. It was described by novelist Anthony Burgess as “a Faustian masterpiece”, and the great Colombian writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez found it a constant source of inspiration.

The 2016 Lowry Lounge takes place at the arts centre and includes a guided walk, a book launch, talks, readings and a film.

The central character of *Under the Volcano* is a drunken British consul in Mexico on the eve of the Second World War, roaming the streets of a fictional Cuernavaca during the Day of the Dead, and this year's Lounge adopts a consular theme.

## Programme

**Morning** – meet at Bluecoat

- **10.30am-12.30pm A walking tour of consular Liverpool**

In 1927, the year of Lowry's first sea voyage as a young deck hand bound for China, Liverpool had 43 foreign consulates including Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Italy, Germany, Nicaragua, Norway and the USA – most of them now gone. New Brighton Lowry expert **Colin Dilnot** leads this walking tour of 'phantom' consulates, stopping at each site to reveal their relevance to Lowry and to read short extracts from his work.

**Afternoon** - Bluecoat performance space upstairs

- **1.30-2.30pm Consular readings**

Poems by **Helen Tookey & Robert Sheppard**; and *Ralph Rumney: The Consul*, a talk by **Mark Goodall** on this British member of the Situationist International, known as 'The Consul.'

- **2.30-3.45pm Book launch: *Malcolm Lowry's Poetics of Space***

Canadian publisher **Ottawa University Press** has an ongoing series of Lowry-related books and Bluecoat hosts the European launch of its new volume of essays, *Malcolm Lowry's Poetics of Space*, including readings from two of the book's authors, **Mark Goodall** and **Ailsa Cox**.

- **3.45pm Lowry toast and announcement of Bluecoat's 2017 Lowry plans**

- **4- 4.15pm Break**

- **4.15-6pm Film: *Mad Love***

Screening of one of Lowry's favourite films – the 1935 American horror adaptation of Maurice Renard's story *The Hands of Orlac* - directed by Karl Freund and starring Peter Lorre.

**Tickets:** whole day £8; walk only (limited number) £5; afternoon programme £5.

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