



Blue plaque, New Brighton promenade, 2019.
Cover image: Lowry playing his 'taropatch' at home in
Caldy, Wirral, 1932.

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THE 2019 LOWRY LOUNGE



Saturday 2 November

A day of activities in Wirral and at Bluecoat
celebrating the writer Malcolm Lowry

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Author of acclaimed modernist novel *Under the Volcano*, Malcolm Lowry (1909-57) was honoured recently with a blue heritage plaque in his birthplace, New Brighton. Bluecoat's annual Lowry celebration takes place this year on Wirral and at the arts centre. It involves a walking tour of Lowry's childhood haunts, an illustrated talk about his life and work, launch of Lowry journal, *The Firminist*, and a reflection on ten years of Lowry Lounges through creative responses from writers, musicians and fans.

PROGRAMME

11.00am-1.00pm

Walking tour of Lowry's New Brighton led by Wirral Lowry expert Colin Dilnot

Assemble at the blue plaque on the sea wall, New Brighton Promenade, opposite Marine Point security office. Stopping at several locations, the walk is not strenuous.

Free, booking recommended as numbers are limited

2.30-4.00pm

Malcolm Lowry: From the Wirral to the World at Williamson Art Gallery, Slatey Road, Birkenhead CH 43 4UE

Poet Helen Tookey and Bluecoat's Artistic Director Bryan Biggs present an illustrated talk taking symbolic images and local landmarks from Lowry's Wirral that connect to his writing and later life.

Free, just turn up

6.30-8.30pm

The Tenth Lowry Lounge at Bluecoat, School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BX

A celebration of ten years of the Lowry Lounge featuring music, visuals, presentations and performances, including:

- Short story writer Ailsa Cox's 'fictional imagining of the lost footage of Lowry's *Tender is the Night*, as filmed by Orson Welles'.
- Poet Helen Tookey drawing parallels between Lowry and North American writer Elizabeth Bishop, writers living on opposite coasts of Canada for whom place, sound and memory were key.
- Musical performances from John Hyatt and Jayne Livesey.
- An 'open Malc' of reflections from people involved in the Lounge.
- Launch of *The Firminist*, the fifth edition of occasional Lowry journal, edited by Mark Goodall.
- Musical interludes and a Lowry toast.

Tickets: £6/£4

To book: 0151 702 5324, info@thebluecoat.org.uk



Lowry lounging at Dollarton, Vancouver, 1940s. Image ©University of British Columbia.