



*An Evening with the great romantic Poet*

## *Lord Byron*



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**Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> from 6.45pm**

*The Bookshop Theatre*  
*The Cut, Waterloo*

*With a specially prepared performance in character by actor*

*Joss van Tyler*

*'She walks in beauty like the night  
of cloudless climes and starry skies  
And all that's best of dark and bright  
Meets in her aspect and her eyes  
Thus mellow'd to that tender light  
Which heaven in gaudy day denies.'*

**George Gordon Lord Byron (1788-1824) is considered to be the first modern style celebrity. His wife Annabella coined the term "Byromania" to sum up the fascination the public had for him. He is today regarded as one of the greatest English poets and a leading figure in romanticism.**

He became known, not just for his works but also for his upper class living, his outrageous love affairs, debts and separations. He obtained a reputation of being extravagant, melancholy courageous, unconventional, eccentric, arrogant, flamboyant and subject to mood swings. But he also had great talent, a great passion, a distaste for society and social institutions, a lack of respect for rank and privilege; being thwarted in love by social constraints. He was also notorious for his revolutionary politics and in 1820 became involved in the Italian revolution against the Austrians. Lady Caroline Lamb described him as “Mad, bad and dangerous to know.”

Yet he inspired extreme loyalty in his friends. Wildly handsome, he was the personification of the Byronic hero and this figure pervades much of his work. Don Juan, ranks as one of the most important long poems published in England since Milton’s Paradise Lost. His other best known works include ‘When we two parted’ ‘She Walks in Beauty’ and ‘so, we’ll go no more a roving.’ Many authors of the Romantic Movement show Byron’s influence during the 19<sup>th</sup> century and beyond, including Charlotte and Emily Bronte.

<i>Drinks reception</i>	<i>6.45pm</i>
<i>Performance by Joss van Tyler</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
<i>Dinner (optional)</i>	<i>8.30pm</i>

**Cost**

**Members £59.50    Guests £69 50**  
*To include drinks reception, canapés performance  
and dinner (at nearby restaurant)*

*Drinks reception with canapes and performance only*  
**Members £29.50    Guests £39 50 (limited numbers)**

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