

LESSON plan

BIRNAM ARTS

SAT 9 NOVEMBER,
11am-1pm

Chance Operations Workshop
Birnam Book Festival Fringe Event

Workshop **Create your own chance poetry and narrative with Martine Foltier Pugh**

learning objective/s:

- **Play with 'chance' techniques to create new texts from printed material**
- **Discover new creative writing skills**
- **Take away your own striking blackout poems**

Materials needed:

Nothing! All equipment will be provided:

- **Word cards**
- **Newspaper columns**
- **Pages from a variety of books**
- **Pens**
- **Permanent black markers**

What you will learn:

- **Fun ways to rework printed material.**
- **Discover and practise techniques of random selection and blackout.**
- **Unlock your imagination and creative writing skills.**
- **Create original poems and narratives.**

Workshop schedule:

1st hour

Brief introduction and overview of surrealist 'chance operations' and how they connect with the theme of Magic of this year's Book Festival.

Warm up games with printed material and word cards

Demonstration and practice of Martine's two newspaper columns technique

2nd hour

Introduction to blackout technique.

Create your own blackout poem and build up on previous narratives.

Round up and discussion.

£30 per ticket. Please book online at www.birnamarts.com