

NEW BEGINNINGS

POETRY ANTHOLOGY

- An anthology of hopeful verse, celebrating difference and the end of the toxic aspects of the pandemic and 2020.
- Spearheaded by an international panel of acclaimed and respected authors, poets and publishers.
- A platform designed to help raise the voices of underrepresented minorities from a variety of cultures and walks of life.
- To be supported by a series of online international events.

The Coronavirus pandemic of 2020–21 has been characterised by a suspended state of fear and confusion; political discourse has been pernicious, relationships strained, and the far-off notion of the new dawn promised for autumn is proving just about enough to keep the embers of hope burning.

New Beginnings is a poetry collection with a difference – resulting from an international competition seeking to find those whose voices were silenced in 2020, the resulting anthology forms a celebration of the end of the toxic aspects of 2020 and the pandemic, a glimmer of hope for the future and a manifesto for change.

MEET THE JUDGES INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT:

Miriam Halahmy is a poet and writer. Having worked with refugees and asylum seekers in schools, her writing engages with historical and contemporary issues that affect children across time – most notably the plight of refugees.

Denise Rawls is an author. Outside of writing, she has been vocal about the lack of career progression for black and brown women, and she works for the National Theatre, where she leads the organisation's communications team.

Hannah Fields is a writer, editor and publisher from Texas. She founded Folkways Press in 2020, and launched an anthology that covers a wide range of topics – including issues of race, gender, sexuality and trauma.

Tom Denbigh is the first Bristol Pride Poet Laureate and is a BBC 1Extra Emerging Artist Talent Search winner. He has performed at the Royal Albert Hall, and has brought poetry to Brighton and London Prides.

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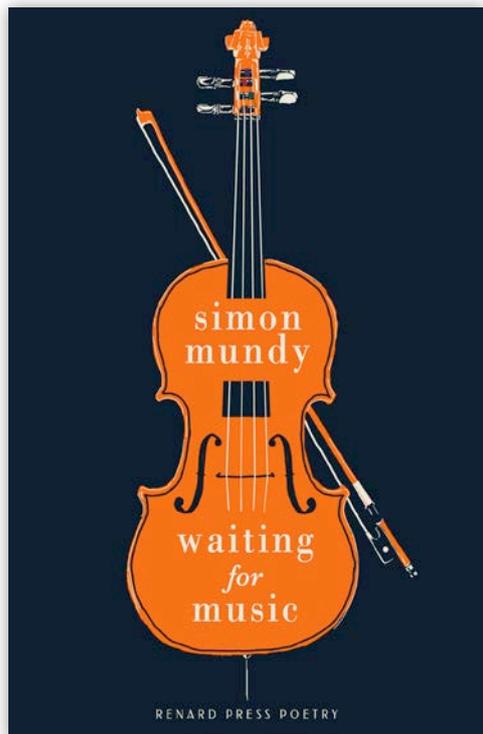
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WAITING FOR MUSIC

SIMON MUNDY

- The long-awaited fifth poetry collection from a respected poet.
- A timely collection with echoes of a lockdown spent yearning for performance.
- Published to coincide with the resumption of events around the country, both on- and offline.

Waiting for Music is the fifth collection of poetry from the acclaimed writer Simon Mundy. A great champion of the arts, his relationships with musicians, visual artists and dancers are the main driving force behind his poetry, and this book sets out a playlist of poems inspired by music – from the classic strains of Brahms’ piano works to a soprano’s solo by Roxana Panufnik which never came into being (itself inspired by a 16th-century portrait).

Published after a year spent waiting for music to appear on our landscape once more, *Waiting for Music* collects the voices of an array of composers, cultures and forms, set against backdrops ranging from Valparaiso to the Veneto, and celebrates the depth of talent and sound that has been missing from our lives this last year.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Simon Mundy studied drama at university, but soon veered towards writing poetry and reviews, and at 23 he found himself a music critic and arts journalist. A champion of the arts, he has served as Director of the National Campaign for the Arts and Vice-President of PEN International’s Writers for Peace Committee, and he co-founded the European Forum for the Arts and Heritage; he remains an adviser to the European Festivals Association. His writing includes biographies, novels, non-fiction, playscripts and poetry. *Waiting for Music* is his fifth poetry collection.

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