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‘YOU OUGHT TO ASK: WHY?’ DAVID JONES & THE HOLY GRAIL

A PERFORMANCE BY TOM DURHAM

Introduced by Ian Skelly

Thursday 8 July 2010

The Art Workers Guild 6 Queen Square Bloomsbury London WC1N 3AT

Doors open 6.15pm (refreshments) Performance 7pm

Nearest Underground Russell Square / Holborn

The evening will mark the launch of Tom Durham’s new CD *David Jones – A Selection From His Writing*.

Tom Durham writes

‘As an artist/poet David Jones was always on the look-out for the meaningful sign that might illuminate the mystery of life; and images of, and references to, the Holy Grail seem to be everywhere in his work.

I like to think that one actual experience of his on the Western Front became for him a personal revelation of this so elusive object – a revelation that changed his life. Did he identify with Peredur – the Welsh Percival?

For me, what makes Jones so important is that, having perhaps been granted such ‘a vision’, he did not take it for granted, or continually assert it as a fact in a dogmatic manner. He questioned its significance, pursued its implications and continued the Quest to the end – as a vulnerable artist, not as an absolute authority.’

Tom Durham will make his own quest through Jones’ work in a linked recital of significant passages.

DAVID JONES (1895–1974) studied at the Camberwell and Westminster Schools of Art and was closely associated with Eric Gill’s artistic communities. He served in The Royal Welch Fusiliers during World War 1. He became a true maker-poet like William Blake, using drawing, water-colour, engraving, inscription and his epic poems *In Parenthesis* and *The Anathemata* to represent the world.

TOM DURHAM is an actor with a particular interest in the performance of challenging poetry – soul acting – and has read many times for the Temenos Academy.



Tickets £5 or £3.50 Concessions / Members of the Temenos Academy

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