

# Victor Hugo In Guernsey Festival

## Programme

2nd to 10th April 2016

### EVENTS

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

##### All day Seminar on the life of Victor Hugo in exile.

Jean-Marc Hovasse, Gérard Pouchain, Florence Naugrette & Gérard Audinet

Four acknowledged world experts on Hugo will speak in a day-long seminar ending with Questions & Answers.

9.30am - 5.00pm. At The Harry Bound Room, Les Côtils. Coffee & tea incl. £15\*. Lunch available extra.

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

##### Victor Hugo Concert.

Sponsored by Connie & Charles Wilkinson

Featuring International Canadian pianist, singer and songwriter, Alain Lecompte and leading Guernsey choir Bel Canto.

7.30pm. At St. James Concert Hall. £10\*.

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

##### Hugo's Banquet des Enfants.

A lunch for 200, replicating 'meat & wine' given by Hugo to poor children. £5 for each meal served will go to local youth community charity Caritas. It will include live performances of music and drama.

Noon - 17.00. In The Market Inner St. Details to follow on Festival website.

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

##### Travailleurs, Creating the Stamps.

Sponsored by Guernsey Post Ltd

Lunchtime lecture by Keith Robinson about how he tackled the design for the new *Toilers of the Sea* issue of stamps. Includes lunch.

12.30pm. At the OGH Hotel. £25\*

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

##### The Soul of the Sea.

Live Performance.

A 40 minute performance of Magnus Buchanan's poem by local actors with Charlie Buchanan's paintings shown at the same time. With a talk by Dr. Gregory Stevens

Cox MBE on the relationship of *Toilers of the Sea* to local events at the time of writing. 7.30pm. 'Princess Royal' Arts Centre. £10\*

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

##### The Art of Hugo.

Sponsored by Rosie & Rupert Dorey

Lecture by Martyn Morgan on Victor Hugo's artistic work. Martin was the instigator of the Folio publication of *Toilers of the Sea*. 7.30pm. At Les Côtils. Free Entry.

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

##### Victor Hugo & The Sea.

WEA Maritime Heritage Series Lecture by Dr. Gregory Stevens Cox MBE on Hugo's relationship with the sea, shipping, fishermen and sailors with particular reference to *Toilers of the Sea*. 2.30 - 4.00pm. Charles Frossard Theatre, Candie Gardens. £5\*, pay on the door.

### COMPETITION

##### Toilers' Shop Competition.

Sponsored by Ricketty Bridge Winery

Find 24 images from *Toilers of the Sea* in shops all over St. Peter Port. For local children and visitors. Prizes for all who complete the challenge. Free entry. From March until 10 April.



A Festival to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the publication of *Toilers of the Sea*, the world famous novel written in Guernsey by Victor Hugo during his exile.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Cartoons of Victor Hugo during exile.

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24 Enlargements of G rard Pouchain's extraordinary collection of caricatures by France's leading artists. 09.00-17.00 daily.

In the Market Inner Street. Free entry.

Original prints on display at the Archive Centre, Cornet Street. 9.30am - 4.30pm daily: Free entry:

#### Hugo's Guernsey.

An exhibition of photographs and objects associated with the period of Hugo's exile. 09.30 - 17.00. Daily except Sunday. At The Priaux Library. Free entry.

#### Toilers of the Sea.

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An exhibit of Hugo memorabilia and photographs from the Islands Museum resources. See Museum website for details. 10.00-17.00. At Candie Museum. Daily.

#### The Soul of the Sea.

##### Video Performance.

Continuous presentation of the video performance of Magnus Buchanan's poetic tribute to *Toilers* accompanied with paintings by Charlie, his wife. 9am to 6pm. Location TBA. Free entry.

#### Victor Hugo's house in exile.

Hauteville House, where Hugo spent from 1856 to 1870. This extraordinary home is just as he left it, beautifully cared for by The City of Paris and open daily except Wednesday. Details & to book see Festival website.

### ACTIVITIES

#### In the Footsteps of Hugo.

Sponsored by Creasey & Son Ltd

A full programme of guided walks and bus or taxi tours of St. Peter Port and Guernsey showing Hugo's favourite haunts and places incorporated in his books, led by Accredited Guides. Starting from the Festival desk in the Market Inner Street. Free new Hugo map. Daily. Prices vary from £7\*.

#### Festival educational programme.

The Society is organising an extensive programme to stimulate interest in Hugo in schools and youth organisations. Competitions for art, writing, poetry, photography, dance and drama are being arranged for all age groups. The Festival will provide storytellers for French lessons and facilitate visits to Hugo's home. The winners in all classes will be exhibited at the Guille Allez Library and dance and drama winners may be performed during the Banquet des Enfants. Full details on the Festival website.

#### Victor Hugo's famous feeding the poor.

The Festival is encouraging local Primary Schools to recreate Hugo's famous meals for the poor.

### Tickets

Tickets will be on sale online from February 2016 - [www.Guernseytickets.gg](http://www.Guernseytickets.gg) Prices marked \* in this programme are subject to change as arrangements are finalised. See Festival website for details: [www.victorhugoinguernsey.gg](http://www.victorhugoinguernsey.gg)