



POET AND LO-FI FILMMAKER

Ben Barton is a Folkestone-based artist who works on paper and film. As well as publishing his writing in books and magazines, he also handcrafts 'visual poems' on super-8 film.

Known as 'the cinema of small gestures', these short, nostalgic pieces reveal a world of crucifixes, Hollywood glamour, fairytales, undead brides, dancing insects and lost home movies.

Since 2008 they have been selected for over 25 film festivals, and have also screened at many film nights and art events. This has included galleries, cinemas and universities in London, Brighton, Edinburgh, Dublin, Berlin, Athens, Tokyo and Beijing.

The films have also been selected by the BBC for the 'Big Screen' UK outdoor screening project and broadcast several times on Sky television in the UK.

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POETRY BOOKS

THE RED BOOK

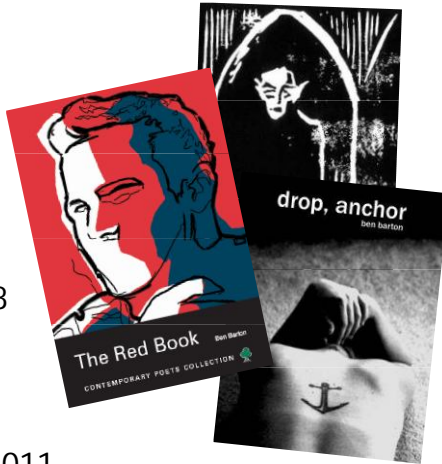
Leaf Books, 2007

DROP, ANCHOR

Erbacce Press, 2008

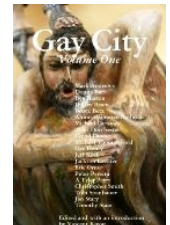
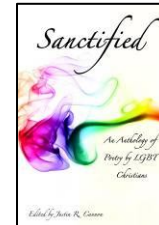
THE HOSPITAL

Roundeye Books, 2011



ANTHOLOGIES

Individual poems have also been published in various collections and anthologies, including *Ancient Heart*, *Coffee & Chocolate*, *Gay City*, *The Queer Collection*, *Razzamatazz*, *Sanctified* and *Scriptor*.



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SMALL-PRESS MAGAZINES

SMALL-PRESS POETRY 1996-2011

For fifteen years, Ben Barton's poems have appeared in many small-press and literary magazines. Recent poems can be read in *Chroma*, *erbacce*, *iota*, *Neon Highway*, *Open Wide Magazine*, *Parameter*, *Poetry Monthly*, *Pulsar* and *South*.

Others have featured in the following publications: *Acorn*, *Aven*, *Cannon's Mouth*, *The Coffee House*, *Conversation Poetry*, *Decanto*, *The Delinquent*, *Inside Out*, *Isibongo*, *Harlequin*, *The Journal*, *Poetry Greece*, *Pyramid*, *Secret Attic*, *Time Haiku*, *The Ugly Tree*, *Writers' Forum*, *Writers' News*, *Writing Magazine* and *X Magazine*.

Poems have also appeared online at *The Cadaverine*, *Poetry Kit*, *Snakeskin* and *Zygote in my Coffee*, amongst others.



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ROUNDEYE FILMOGRAPHY

SUPER-8 FILMS

[2011]

- Little Red
- 5,000 Miles From Hollywood

[2010]

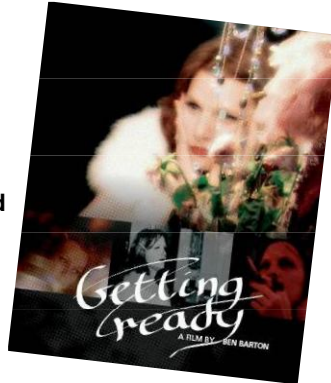
- Getting Ready
- You Are There

[2009]

- The Return of Ellen Love
- Uphill for Jesus (redux)
- The Lighthouse
- Adored

[2008]

- Uphill for Jesus (original version)
- Initial Prospect
- Scott's Garden
- Bringing Billy Childish Home



SUPER-8 'FOUND FOOTAGE'

[2009]

- Dance of the Coward
- Insects

[2008]

- Stag Movie

VIDEOART

[2011]

- Colours When I Come

[2006]

- Videopoems



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FILM FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

- [2011] Lichtspielklub Film Festival, Germany*
- [2010] London Independent Film Festival
- [2010] Bang! Short Film Festival, Nottingham*
- [2010] Euroshorts Film Festival*, Poland National Tour
(13 venues)
- [2010] Lancashire Film Festival*
- [2010] Saltburn Film Festival*
- [2009] Euroshorts Film Festival, Warsaw, Poland*
- [2009] Lichtspielklub Film Festival, Germany*
- [2009] British Shorts Budapest, Hungary*
- [2009] Strawberry Fair Film Festival, Cambridge*
- [2009] Szeged Super 8 Festival, Hungary*
- [2009] I Am Joy Film Festival, Chichester*
- [2009] Luton Arts Festival
- [2009] Workhouse Festival, Wales
- [2009] 24:7 Festival, Manchester
- [2009] ArtsFest, Birmingham*
- [2009] Kinofilm, Manchester
- [2009] Quickflick Film Festival, London
- [2009] InCINeracion, Madrid, Spain*
- [2009] Bang! Short Film Festival, Nottingham*
- [2008] Szeged Super 8 Festival, Hungary*
- [2008] Collision Festival, London
- [2008] Quickflick Film Festival, London
- [2008] Videophile Festival, Brighton*
- [2008] Canterbury Festival
- [2008] Salford Film Festival*
- [2008] Curitiba Super 8 Film Festival, Brazil*
- [2008] Flicker Film Festival, USA



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SCREENINGS AT FILM NIGHTS



[2011]

- MovieBar, Brighton
- Whirlygig Cinema, London
- Short Cinema, London
- Cinema Variété, London
- KinoKulture, Shropshire
- Showroom Shorts, Sheffield
- New Volta Film Club, Dublin
- Underground Cinema, Dublin

[2010]

- Queer As Film, London
- Cinesaurus Film Society, Canterbury
- Elysian Cinema, London
- Big Night Inn, Sunderland
- Mini Cine Picture Show, Manchester

[2009]

- The Pictures, London
- Cinematopia, Preston
- Film Chess, Tokyo, Japan
- The Film Den, Manchester
- Cinema Rivalry, Berlin, Germany
- Urban Forest Screenings, London
- Shorts Film Showcase, Norwich
- Art Organisation, Nottingham
- Bacon Street Project, London
- The Bowery, Edinburgh
- Exploding Cinema, London
- Cinematheque Avec, San Francisco, USA
- Imagination Collaborations, Nottingham
- Discussions on Film, London

- The Film Lab, The Picturedrome, Northampton
- Son of Movie Bar, Brighton
- Caligari's Movie Extravaganza, Croydon
- Low-Def Film Night, Edinburgh
- Mini Cine Picture Show, Manchester
- Electric Shadows, Beijing

[2008]

- Rotoreliefs, London
- Final Cut, Brighton
- The Pictures, London
- The Forest, Edinburgh
- Striplite, London



OTHER SCREENINGS...

SPECIAL EVENTS & BROADCASTS

[2010-2011]

- Sky TV broadcasts – Eat Cinema & PropellerTV
- BBC 'Big Screens' outdoor screenings

[2009]

- Windsor Festival (live choir cinema performance)
- Synch Festival outdoor projection, Athens
- Light Night outdoor projection, Leeds
- Super 8 Day, Chiltern, Australia
- Halloween Happening, LB Theatre, Huddersfield
- Cinematopia outdoor screening, Preston

[2006]

- Videopoems (online)

[2005]

- BBC Video Nation
- BBC Radio Kent

ART GALLERIES

[2010]

- Near/Far, Achromat Gallery, Hove

[2009]

- Soup & Cinema, Project Space Leeds

[2008]

- Wolstenholme Screenings, Liverpool

[2006]

- PROSPECT, Ashford Gallery
(Arts Council England & Kent County Council)



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