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## personal statement

I am a mixed-media poet, visual artist, curator, and educator. My interdisciplinary practice combines text, interactive writing, visual art, 3D work, and audience (and reader) participation. I work with language, image, and performance, exploring the themes of queerness, neurodivergence, identity, class, and communication. My interactive book *The Cursory Remix* (2021, Contraband Books) has been co-written by Google Translate. My second experimental book *The Idiotlect Dictionary* was published by Veer in 2023. My TEDx talk *The Power of Experimentation: Poetry for the 21st Century* is worth watching. I am the founder and director of the curatorial project artBLAB and the co-founder, co-director, and co-head teacher of the Experimental Writing School.

## exhibitions

EGG-XHIBITION – a group show at Fourth Wall Folkestone	April–May 2026
still out of CONtext – an experimental poetry exhibition, Folkestone	October 2025
Glitch i Kolor (Glitch & Colour) – a visual art exhibition, Toruń (Poland)	October 2025
EGG-XHIBITION – a group show at Fourth Wall Folkestone	April 2025
out of CONtext – an experimental poetry exhibition, Folkestone	October 2024
Dreamscapes – a group show at The Brewery Tap, Folkestone	May 2024
EGG-XHIBITION – a group show at Fourth Wall Folkestone	March–April 2024
Hauntings – a group show at The Brewery Tap, Folkestone	November 2023
POLSKIE KSERO – a group show at The Brewery Tap, Folkestone	November 2023
The Spring Show – a group show at the Folkestone Art Gallery	March–May 2023
KNOW POLISH ART – a group show at The Brewery Tap, Folkestone	January 2023
Solo gallery takeover – Fourth Wall Folkestone	May 2022
Solo show at The Pocket Gallery – Folkestone	March–April 2022
Loudest Whispers 2022 – a visual art exhibition	February–March 2022
Aww-Struck – a visual poetry exhibition	May–June 2021
Loudest Whispers 2021 – a visual art exhibition	February–July 2021
Candid Christmas Show – a visual art exhibition	December 2020
Escapisms – a visual poetry exhibition	May–June 2020
Loudest Whispers 2020 – a visual art exhibition	February–June 2020
Blockplay – an interactive poetry exhibition	December 2019

The Yellow Book Exhibition – a visual poetry exhibition	November 2019
Redbridge Día De Los Muertos – a visual art exhibition	October 2019

### publications

<i>Poesía Visual – 21 años</i> (anthology from Foro de Escritores)	2025
<i>The Idiotlect Dictionary</i> (Veer Books)	2023
<i>The transformative power of tattoo</i> (anthology from Guts Publishing)	2023
<i>Datableed</i> – issue 14	2023
<i>Streetcake experimental writing prize anthology 2022</i>	2022
<i>Perverse</i> – n° 6, 7	2021, 2023
<i>Druggy Pac-Man</i> (8OX)	2021
<i>Cry of the Poor</i> (anthology from Culture Matters)	2021
<i>The Cursory Remix</i> (Contraband Books)	2021
<i>Aww-struck</i> (anthology from Poem Atlas)	2021
<i>ToCall</i> – n° 14	2021
<i>Sending Nudes</i> (anthology from Guts Publishing)	2021
<i>Pamenar Online Magazine</i>	2020
<i>Streetcake Magazine</i> – n° 64, 71, 78	2019, 2021, 2022

### performances & festivals

Open Art Folkestone performances 'You can STICK it'	August 2025
EFSPACM Festival	August 2025
The Perpendicular Poetry Prize	April 2025
Beyond Text Innovative Poetry Festival <a href="https://youtu.be/CloGQ4kkUdE">https://youtu.be/CloGQ4kkUdE</a>	February 2025
Hauntings <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HT4J3_LHnyE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HT4J3_LHnyE</a>	November 2023
Surrey Poetry Festival <a href="https://vimeo.com/726766449">https://vimeo.com/726766449</a>	May 2022
Performances for The Pocket Gallery	March–April 2022
Last Fridays performance: <i>Bring us your words</i>	February 2022
Beyond Text Innovative Poetry Festival <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2ITvitBe0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2ITvitBe0</a>	January 2022
European Poetry Festival <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNHOMOZYRAk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNHOMOZYRAk</a>	November 2021

European Poetry Festival

March 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0taEQOyG4vk>

## curatorial projects

Founder, CEO, event manager and curator at artBLAB

2018–present

artBLAB runs a series of laid-back online lectures about art and its whereabouts. We present both emerging and well-established artists. artBLAB believes in art equality, it doesn't discriminate against any type of art – we love experimental poetry as much as we adore interaction design! Apart from art talks and interviews, we also organise festivals and exhibitions. Find us on Instagram at @artBLAB.uk.

Curator & organiser:

still out of CONtext – poetry installations

October 2025

Glitch i Kolor (Glitch & Colour) – colourful and glitch art

September–October 2025

out of CONtext – poetry installations

October 2024

Hauntings – visual poetry with a spooky twist

November 2023

POLSKIE KSERO – contemporary Polish Xerox art

November 2023

Poetic Convo – a podcast about good writing

March 2023–present

kNOW POLISH ART – contemporary niche Polish art

February 2023

Beyond Text Innovative Poetry Festival (Folkestone & online)

2022, 2023, 2025

Concrete poetry exhibition – Lisa Golze (London)

October 2021

artBLAB:readings – an experimental poetry reading series

February–April 2021

artBLAB:text – a poetry and art video exhibition

July–August 2020

talks about art and interviews with artists for artBLAB

May 2018–present

## poetry teaching experience

Experimental Writing School

September 2025–present

co-founder, co-director and co-head teacher

Self-employed – innovative poetry workshops

July 2021–present

poetry workshop (part of Artsplunk+Aperitivo), Folkestone

September 2024

a compact poetry workshop for Leas Lift

September 2024

'A kaleidoscope of forms' course (Poetry School)

January–March 2024

experimental poetry courses at The Fourth Wall, Folkestone

April 2026–present,  
March–September 2025,

April–October 2024,

September 2023,

May 2023

experimental poetry course at The Green Room, Folkestone

March–April 2023

walkshop for Walking with Ghosts, Folkestone	November 2022
Beyond Text Innovative Poetry Festival – poetry workshops	2022, 2023, 2025
Artsfest 2021 (for the RSA) – experimental poetry workshops	July 2021

### non–poetry teaching experience

Kent Adult Education Spanish & creative writing teacher	September 2024–October 2025
YO! Sushi sushi instructor	July 2017–October 2020
Profi-Lingua School of Foreign Languages Spanish and French teacher	September 2008–January 2014
Sufiks School of Foreign Languages French teacher	September 2005–June 2008

### education

Poznan University of Economics master of engineering commodity science / communication design (Erasmus) – A/B+	2005–2010
Adam Mickiewicz University master's degree applied linguistics and second language acquisition – B/B	2006–2009
Adam Mickiewicz University bachelor's degree modern languages and linguistics – Spanish, French – B+/B+	2003–2006

### selected references

“The vision Michał brought to the event has been fantastic and flexibility shown during delivery been brilliant too. Over 250 children took part in erasure and visual poetry workshops culminating in an anthology and performances of their work on the day. Huge thanks to Michał for his creativity, ideas and tenacity. He has been brilliant to work with.” – Georgina Chatfield, RSA Academies

“Michał, with rarely seen politeness, sensitive attention, and a real passion for the process of creativity in any contemporary form, as well as his personal involvement in an unusual, smart, and comprehensive concept regarding his subject, impressed me as a vivid, natural, and enthusiastic person, but also as a consistent, analytical, and impartial professional. The agenda of artBLAB is built around diversity and dialogue, highly valuing quality and professionalism.” – Galina Hristova, visual artist

“Michał was one of the best teachers I’ve ever had. Creative, demanding and always creating a positive learning atmosphere. Michał has great enthusiasm for teaching.” – Marta Kubiak-Połomka, Unilever