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KEATS LECTURE

“Keats and Medicine – An Exploration of their Relationship”

By

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Sean Hughes is Emeritus Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Imperial College London and has had a lifelong interest in the romantic poet John Keats (1795-1821).

This lecture will explore the influence of a medical education on Keats’ life and poetry. Beginning with his early days when he nursed his mother Frances, in the course of her last illness in 1809, through to his training between 1813 and 1816 at the United Hospitals of Guy’s and St Thomas, London. During this time Keats was exposed to the operative skills of two very different surgeons, Sir Astley Cooper and William Lucas junior. John Keats alluded to his surgical training in his poetry but never overstated it. Keats, like any doctor, really wanted to help people, ultimately he did this through his poetry, lifting the reader’s spirits and taking them into an imagined world. Medicine in its way also tries to lift the spirits by repairing and healing the body.

The lecture will evaluate the impact of medicine on Keats’ writings and poetry, before his untimely death in Rome on 23rd February 1821, four months after his 25th birthday.

At Apothecaries’ Hall, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ

Thursday, 23rd February 2017

6:00pm

Lecture: Free (No tickets issued, booking advisable)

Faculty Members’ supper fee (inc. drinks reception) £39.00
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