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Joan Salvat-Papasseit



Joan Salvat-Papasseit

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Barcelona, 1894-1924. Poet. Self-taught and of working class origins, he is one of the most significant representatives of the historic avant-garde in Catalonia.

His father died when he was a child and in 1901 he went to live in the Asilo Naval Español children's home. From 1906 to 1917 he had a number of different jobs, from grocer's apprentice to night watchman on the docks. Around 1914 he joined "Juventud Socialista" (Socialist Youth) for which he began to write in revolutionary publications such as *Los Miserables*, *La Justicia Social* of Reus and *Sabadell Federal*, after 1915. His inspiration came from anarchism and he was a staunch defender of the working class, usually using the pseudonym of Gorkiano. Many of these articles were collected in *Glosas de un socialista* (A Socialist's Notes - 1916). At this time he preferred to write in Spanish, pouring out his social and political criticism in this language. His essays have been gathered into three collections: *Humo de fábrica* (Factory Smoke - 1918) with a prologue by the writer Àngel Samblancat, this book including many articles from his *Glosas* (Notes); the texts of *Mots propis* (My Own Words), moral reflections on humankind inspired in the philosophy of Nietzsche and the ideas of Torres-Garcia that were published (1917 - 1919) in the review *Un Enemic del Poble*; and, finally, *La ploma d'Aristarc* (The Pen of Aristarch), which remained unpublished.

He married Carmen Eleuterio in 1918 and the couple had two daughters, Salomé and Núria, for whom he wrote *Els nens de la meva escala: dites d'infants* (The Kids Where I Live: Children's Sayings - 1926). After 1919 he was in charge of the books department in Galeries Laietanes, working as a protégé of Santiago Segura. Salvat-Papasseit, helped by his brother Miquel, would convert this department, subsequently known as the Llibreria Nacional Catalana (Catalan National Bookshop), into an avant-garde focal point, in particular after a trip to Paris in 1920 when he made contact with a number of avant-garde writers. His health was very delicate and he had to spend periods in sanatoriums in Les Escaldes, Amélie-les-Bains and Vernet, a circumstance that decisively marked his work.

Following a serious personal crisis and disillusioned with socialism, he abandoned politics and wrote poetry full time until his death. Yet, besides being a poet, he was a cultural agitator as is demonstrated by the three reviews he founded: *Un Enemic del Poble* (1917-1919), which was at first linked with regenerationist postulates and then evolved towards futurism; *Arc-Voltaic* (1918), the avant-garde model *par excellence*, with contributions by Joan Miró, Rafael Barradas and Joaquim Torres-Garcia; and *Proa* (1921), of post-avant-garde tendencies, alternating nationalist texts with poems. Another of his concerns was the creation of the publishing house Salvat-Papasseit LlibreTERS.

His first poem in Catalan, "Columna vertebral: Sageta de foc" (Vertebral Column: Arrow of Fire), along with the programmatic texts *Sóc jo que parlo als joves* (It's Me Speaking to Young People - 1919), *Concepte de poeta* (Concept of a Poet - 1919) and the manifesto *Contra els poetes amb minúscula: primer manifest català futurista* (Against Small-p poets: A First Futurist Catalan Manifesto - 1920), are a call for poetry that approximates Marinetti's futurism, Apollinaire's *esprit nouveau*, Pierre Albert-Birot's nunism, and even the regenerationism of [Joan Maragall](#), especially because of

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the vitalism they express. He sporadically wrote for *La Revista*, *Vell i Nou*, *La Publicitat* and *La Mainada* among other publications. He is also one of the few avant-garde Catalan writers who published in the Spanish-language review *Grecia*.

There are six volumes of his poems: *Poemes en ondes hertzianes* (Poems in Hertzian Waves - 1919), illustrated by Rafael Barradas and Joaquim Torres-Garcia, this book expressing his discovery of futurism and his quest for his own brand of poetry; *L'irradiador del port i les gavines* (The Port Beacon and the Gulls - 1921), a continuation of the earlier work but delving deeper into his futurist findings; *Les conspiracions* (Conspiracies - 1922), a book of eight nationalist-inspired poems written during his stay in the La Fuenfría sanatorium (Cercedilla); *La gesta dels estels: mostra de poemes* (Epic of the Stars: A Sample of Poems - 1922), where he embarks on a process of mythologizing everyday reality through elegy and longing; *El poema de la rosa als llavis* (The Poem of the Rose on the Lips - 1923), a unitary amorous poem, and, finally, *Óssa Menor: fi dels poemes d'avantguarda* (Ursa Minor: An End to Avant-garde Poems - 1925), with illustrations by Josep Obiols, a work that was published posthumously and in which Salvat-Papasseit abandons everyday concerns to surrender himself to the anguish and proximity of death.

He died of tuberculosis at the age of thirty. His life and work were always devoted to an exaltation of youth, freedom, sincerity, heroism and struggle.

His poems have been set to music by several Catalan singers and have been translated into a number of languages. Numerous monographic studies on his life and work have been published in a range of reviews and homage has been rendered to the poet on many occasions.

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A selection of texts

Text



WEB: En alemany

Ressenya biogràfica en alemany. Amb els poemes "Res no és mesquí", "Nocturn per a acordió" i "L'ofici que més m'agrada" en català i alemany.

<http://www.jbeilharz.de/katalan/salvat-bio.htm>



WEB: Magisteri Teatre-Mag Poesia

Poemes de tots els seus llibres, altres de dispersos, fragments de prosa i dades biobibliogràfiques.

<http://www.mallorcaweb.com/mag-teatre/papasseit/>



WEB: Arc-voltaic

Versió facsímil de l'únic número d'aquesta publicació editada per Joan Salvat-Papasseit, amb il·lustracions de Joan Miró i Barradas.

<http://www.cervantesvirtual.com/servlet/SirveObras/bc/79194930545686830754491/thm0000.htm>



WEB: Un enemic del Poble

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Versió facsímil de la revista dirigida per Salvat-Papasseit, amb col·laboracions de Joaquim Torres-Garcia i Josep Maria de Sucre.

<http://www.cervantesvirtual.com/hemeroteca/enemic/>



WEB: Salvat-Papasseit per Ovidi Montllor

Pàgina amb els poemes de Salvat-Papasseit del disc d'Ovidi Montllor (1975).

<http://www.trovadores.net/nd.php?NM=684>



WEB: Els nens de la meva escala

Cinc dels textos d'*Els nens de la meva escala*, publicats per Salvat-Papasseit a la revista *La Mainada*, l'any 1921.

<http://www.xtec.es/~malons22/personal/papasseitescala.htm>



WEB: Selecció de Poesia Catalana

Nota biogràfica. Deu poemes de diferents llibres.

<http://www.uoc.edu/lletra/especials/folch/salvatpa.htm>



WEB: Selecció de poemes a Biblionet

Proposta de lectura a Biblionet, la guia interactiva de literatura catalana.

<http://www.xtec.es/~lrius1/salvat/contenedor.htm>



WEB: Gedichte von Joan Salvat-Papasseit

Tres poemes en català i traduïts a l'alemany.

<http://www.jbeilharz.de/katalan/frameset.htm>



WEB: Música de poetes

Poemes musicats de Joan Salvat-Papasseit en aquest espai de Lletra dedicat a la música i poesia .

<http://www.musicadepoetes.cat/app/musicadepoetes/servlet/org.uoc.lletra.musicaDePoetes.Poeta?autor=203>



WEB: Cal·ligrama "Les formigues"

Imatge de "Les formigues" i fòrum sobre el cal·ligrama al weblog La pell.

<http://www.lamevaweb.info/post/943/16765>



WEB: Selecció de poemes

Tres poemes de l'autor al web *Viu la poesia*.

http://www.viulapoesia.com/membrespocio/arxius/lletra/jsalvatpap_index_poemes.html



WEB: Papasseit a EPdLP

Nota biogràfica en castellà amb un poema a El Poder de la Palabra.

<http://www.epdlp.com/escritor.php?id=2262>



WEB: In German

Biographical review in German. With the poems "Res no és mesquí", "Nocturn per a acordió" (Nocturn for Accordion) and "L'ofici que més m'agrada" (The Job I Like Best) in Catalan and German.

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WEB: Magisteri Teatre-Mag Poesia

Poems from all Salvat-Papasseit's books, poems from other sources, prose fragments and biobibliographical data.

<http://www.mallorcaweb.com/mag-teatre/papasseit/>



WEB: Arc-voltaic

Facsimile version of the only number of this publication edited by Joan Salvat-Papasseit, with illustrations by Joan Miró and Rafael Barradas.

<http://www.cervantesvirtual.com/servlet/SirveObras/bc/79194930545686830754491/thm0000.htm>



WEB: Un enemic del Poble

Facsimile version of the publication of which Salvat-Papasseit was director, with contributions by Joaquim Torres-Garcia and Josep Maria de Sucre.

<http://www.cervantesvirtual.com/hemeroteca/enemic/>



WEB: Els nens de la meva escala (The Kids Where I Live)

Five texts from *Els nens de la meva escala*, published by Salvat-Papasseit in the review *La Mainada*, in 1921.

<http://www.xtec.es/~malons22/personal/papasseitescala.htm>



WEB: Selection of Catalan Poetry

Biographical note. Ten poems from different books.

<http://www.uoc.edu/lletra/especials/folech/salvatpa.htm>



WEB: Selection of Poems on Biblionet

Proposal for reading on Biblionet, the interactive guide to Catalan literature.

<http://www.xtec.es/~lrius1/salvat/contenedor.htm>



WEB: The Calligram "Les formigues" (The Ants)

Image of "Les formigues" along with a forum on the calligram on the weblog "La pell".

<http://www.lamevaweb.info/post/943/16765>



WEB: Gedichte von Joan Salvat-Papasseit (Poems by Joan Salvat-Papasseit)

Three poems in Catalan and translated into German.

<http://www.jbeilharz.de/katalan/frameset.htm>



WEB: Els estudiants i professors de català de la universitat de Birmingham llegeixen 'Quin dia clar', de Joan Salvat-Papasseit

<http://soundcloud.com/lletra/quin-dia-clar-joan-salvat>



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'Encara el tram', de Joan Salvat-Papasseit

<http://soundcloud.com/lletra/encara-el-tram-joan-salvat>



WEB: Caputxeta d'Artesa llegeix 'Res no és mesquí', de Joan Salvat-Papasseit

<http://soundcloud.com/lletra/res-no-s-mesqu-joan-salvat>

Comments on the author

Criticism



WEB: Joan Salvat-Papasseit a l'AELC

Biografia, informacions, publicacions.

<http://www.escriptors.com/autors/salvatpapasseit/>



WEB: L'autor al Corpus Literari Ciutat de Barcelona

Biografia, enllaços i transcripció d'articles sobre Salvat-Papasseit.

http://www.ducros.biz/corpus/index.php?command=show_news&news_id=2620



WEB: Joan Salvat-Papasseit on the Lletra website in Catalan

Including more resources and reading suggestions.

<http://www.lletra.cat/noms/jsalvatpapasseit/index.html>



WEB: AELC Website

Biography, information, publications.

http://www.escriptors.cat/autors/salvatpapasseit/pagina.php?id_sec=2236



WEB: Joan Salvat-Papasseit in the City of Barcelona Literary Corpus

Biography, works, links and a transcription of articles on Salvat-Papasseit.

http://www.ducros.biz/corpus/index.php?command=show_news&news_id=2620



WEB: Joan Salvat-Papasseit in wikipedia

Biography, works and links in Wikipedia, the free internet encyclopaedia.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joan_Salvat-Papasseit

Miscellaneous



WEB: Homenatge de Joan Brossa

Poema de Joan Brossa dedicat a Joan Salvat-Papasseit.

<http://www.joanbrossa.org/obra/poemes/salvat.htm>



PDF: "Fotografies inèdites de Joan Salvat-Papasseit"

Article de Ferran Aisa a l'*Avui* (23/04/04) sobre el fons fotogràfic del germà del poeta, [pàg. 1](#) i [pàg. 2](#).

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WEB: Aleph: Papasseit a la televisió

Programa de Televisió de Catalunya dedicat al poeta.
<http://www.tvcatalunya.com/aleph/2001/salvat/index.htm>



WEB: "Auca de Joan Salvat-Papasseit"

Auca escrita per Joan Vilamala al web La paret de les auques.
<http://www.auques.cat/textos.php?auca=salvat>



WEB: La rosa als llavis

Recital de poesia a càrrec dels alumnes de l'IES Mediterrània.
<http://www.xtec.es/~jvila1/salvat/gust.html>



WEB: Poesies (1962)

Pàgina sobre una edició de bibliòfil amb tretze gravats de Josep Guinovart realitzada per l'Editorial Ariel.
<http://oliba.uoc.es/aureum/ca/s03/t3/082.html>



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Itinerari "Barcelona i el mar" organitzat per les Biblioteques de Barcelona.
<http://www.bcn.cat/biblioteques/itineraris/iti2/intro.htm>



WEB: Joan Brossa's Homage

Poem by Joan Brossa dedicated to Joan Salvat-Papasseit.
<http://www.joanbrossa.org/obra/poemes/salvat.htm>



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Article by Ferran Aisa in *Avui* (23 April, 2004) on the photographic collection of the poet's brother. (Pages 1 and 2).
<http://www.traces.uab.es/tracesbd/avui/av03123a.pdf>



WEB: Aleph: Papasseit on Television

A programme on Televisió de Catalunya devoted to the poet.
<http://www.tvcatalunya.com/aleph/2001/salvat/index.htm>



WEB: La rosa als llavis (Rose on the Lips)

Poetry recital by students at the Mediterrània Secondary School.
<http://www.xtec.es/~jvila1/salvat/gust.html>



WEB: Poesies (Poetry ` 1962)

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<http://www.bcn.cat/biblioteques/itineraris/iti2/intro.htm>

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Article de Ramon Salvo. Inclou els poemes "Perquè has vingut" i "Visca l'amor".

<http://www.xtec.es/~rsalvo/articles/salvat.htm>



PDF: El poema de la rosa als llavis

Dossier de Montserrat Corrius i Carme Vilà sobre aquesta obra poètica, dins el Seminari didàctic "El gust per la lectura" (1999-2000).

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Nota sobre aquest llibre de Ferran Aisa i Remei Morros.

http://www.viruseditorial.net/plantillas_libros/libro_big.php?id=15&tabla=libros



WEB: L'avantguarda a Catalunya

Article de la revista *Corner* sobre les avantguardes hispanoamericanes i catalanes. Per Stephen N. Hart. En anglès.

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Article by Ramon Salvo. Includes the poems "Perquè has vingut" and "Visca l'amor" (Long Live Love).

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Article in the review *Corner* on Latin-American and Catalan avant-garde movements. By Stephen N. Hart. In English.

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<http://www.llibres.cat/ca/detall-autor/salvat-papasseit-joan>



WEB: Per llegir a internet (BVJLV)

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WEB: Activitats per treballar poemes

Tres poemes amb propostes al web *Viu la poesia*.

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