## Philosophy Now ISSUE 94 Jan/Feb 2013

Philosophy Now,
43a Jerningham Road, Telegraph Hill, London SE14 5NQ United Kingdom Tel. 02076397314 editors@philosophynow.org philosophynow.org

Editor-in-Chief Rick Lewis
Editors Anja Steinbauer, Grant Bartley
Digital Editor Bora Dogan
Graphic Design Grant Bartley, Anja Steinbauer, Rick Lewis
Film Editor Thomas Wartenberg Book Reviews Charles Echelbarger,
Heidi Pintschovius
Marketing Manager Sue Roberts
Administration Ewa Stacey, Heidi
Pintschovius
Advertising Team
Jay Sanders, Ellen Stevens
jay.sanders@philosophynow.org
UK Editorial Board
Rick Lewis, Anja Steinbauer,
Bora Dogan, Grant Bartley
US Editorial Board
Dr Timothy J. Madigan (St John Fisher College), Prof. Charles Echelbarger (SUNY), Prof. Raymond Pfeiffer (Delta College), Prof. Jonathan Adler (CUNY) Contributing Editors
Alexander Razin (Moscow State Univ.) UK Editorial Advisors
Piers Benn, Chris Bloor, Gordon Giles, Paul Gregory, John Heawood, Kate Leech US Editorial Advisors
Prof. Raymond Angelo Belliotti, Toni Vogel Carey, Prof. Rosalind Ekman Ladd, Prof. Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Prof. Harvey Siegel
Cover Portrait Jane Austen (1873, based on earlier portrait by her sister c.1810)
Cover Design Anja Steinbauer
Printed by Graspo CZ, a.s.,
Pod Sternberkem 324, 76302 Zlin,
Czech Republic
UK newstrade distribution through: Comag Specialist Division,
Tavistock Works, Tavistock Rd, West Drayton, Middlesex UB7 7QX Tel. 01895433800
U.S. \& Canadian bookstores through: Disticor Magazine Distribution Services 695 Westney Road S., Unit 14, Ajax, Ontario L1S 6M9
Tel. (905) 6196565
The opinions expressed in this magazine do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor or editorial board of Philosophy Now.

Philosophy Now is published by Anja Publications Ltd ISSN 0961-5970

Back Issues p. 48 Subscriptions p. 49


Pages 6-17, and throughout!


The Lion King
Existentialist fable? Page 46


HEIDEGGER
A Brief Life, page 30

## EDITORIAL \& NEWS

4 Reading, Writing, Thinking Tibor Fischer
5 News in Brief
41 Obituary: J.J.C. Smart, 1920-2012
Grabam Nerlich remembers a friendly and versatile thinker

## READING, WRITING, THINKING

6 Reading Jane Austen as a Moral Philosopher Thomas Rodham reads fane Austen as a virtue ethicist
9 Democracy and Tragedy
Mark Chou on our debt to dead Greek playwrights
12 "Nobody Said Anything"
Meghan Bidwell on words and silence in Hemingway \& Carver
14 The Twin Souls of Oscar Wilde \& Friedrich Nietzsche Yabia Lababidi detects many surprising resonances
17 I Re-Read, Therefore I Understand
Kimberly Blessing reads Descartes' advice on reading philosophy

## OTHER ARTICLES

18 Equality
Helen McCabe asks just what are egalitarians talking about?
22 A Matter of Consent
Simon Smith on abortion and the strange case of the violinist
26 Interview: William Irwin on Black Sabbath \& Pbilosophy
Grant Bartley talks to the 'philosophy \&o pop culture' books editor
27 Instabilities in Nature and Art
Malcolm E. Brown \&f Steve Hubbard oppose the laws of nature
30 Brief Lives: Martin Heidegger
Alistair MacFarlane on a genius and an idiot

## REVIEWS

42 Book: The Laws of Belief by Wolfgang Spohn reviewed analytically by Richard Baron
43 Book: A User's Guide to Thought \& Meaning
by Ray Jackendoff, reviewed scathingly by Nikki Dekker
44 Book: Donald Davidson by Kathrin Glüer reviewed linguistically by David R. T. Fraser
46 Film \& Theatre: The Lion King
Fonathan Barfield compares interpretations of this Disney epic

## REGULARS

32 Food For Thought: "Wad Some Power The Giftie Gie Us" Tim Madigan on Schopenhauer's \& Smith's gifts for compassion
35 Question of the Month:
What are the most important things to know, and why?
38 Letters to the Editor
45 Ethical Episodes: Trade Secret
Joel Marks reveals how he does it
50 Tallis in Wonderland: Where Is My Itch?
Raymond Tallis's philosophy is up to scratch
FICTION
52 Vulgar Intrusions
Daryn Green's heroes find life intersecting with philosophy

