

# MANCHESTER LITERATURE FESTIVAL

7–22 October 2023

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# FESTIVAL WELCOME

We can't wait to welcome all our inspirational guest writers and artists to Manchester this autumn. Acclaimed novelists Zadie Smith, Karl Ove Knausgaard, Deborah Levy, Max Porter and Kate Mosse share their incredible new novels with us; Sandra Newman offers a bold feminist retelling of *1984*; Naomi Alderman presents her fast-paced, cataclysmic vision of *The Future*; Jeanette Winterson reads us new ghost stories; and we hear from some of 2023's most exciting emerging novelists (Richard Armitage, Monica Heisey, Sheena Patel, Annie Macmanus). Leading thinkers Yanis Varoufakis, Michael Lewis, Lisa Nandy, Natalie Haynes and Afua Hirsch join us to discuss capitalism, inequality, tech, history, decolonisation and beauty; Thurston Moore and Jeremy Deller reflect on art, music, creativity and collaborations; George Monbiot and Gaia Vince offer radical proposals for combatting the climate emergency; and we welcome a multitude of talented poets to share their sublime poetry with us.

As ever, we are very grateful to our main funders Arts Council England, Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Manchester City Council, our Higher Education Partner the University of Manchester, and all our hotel and corporate partners for their continuing support. We are also delighted to be partnering with Sofas & Stuff who are providing on stage furniture for events at Central Library.

You can see the full programme and book tickets at: [manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](https://manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk)

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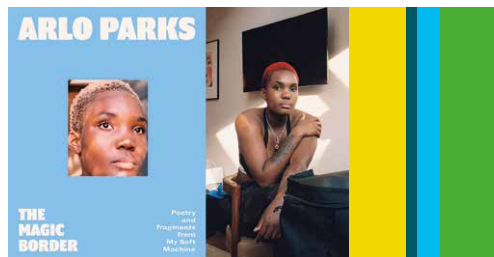
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## Arlo Parks presents The Magic Border

**Saturday 9 September 2023, 2.30pm**

**Contact**

We are thrilled to present a special event with singer, songwriter and poet Arlo Parks (*My Soft Machine*, *Collapsed in Sunbeams*). See her perform poems from *The Magic Border* and discuss her poetry, creativity and the way she explores and incorporates the queer experience, blackness, grief and love through her sublime work. Sponsored by The Midland Manchester.

**Tickets £26**

**includes a copy of *The Magic Border* (£16.99 RRP)**

**Book on 0161 274 0600 or [contactmcr.com](mailto:contactmcr.com)**



## Christie Watson & Lorraine Candy

**Sunday 8 October 2023, 2pm**

**Central Library**

Christie Watson (*Quilt on Fire*) and Lorraine Candy (*What's Wrong With Me?*) make smart, funny, relatable contributions to the growing conversation about women and midlife. How do we navigate perimenopause, parenting and friendships with brain fog, sleepless nights and changing brains and bodies? Hear these two friends and fabulous women share their experiences and feel less alone in navigating yours.

**Tickets £12/£10**



## Yanis Varoufakis in Conversation

**Tuesday 26 September 2023, 7.30pm**

**HOME**

Is Capitalism dead? In his boldest book yet, *Technofeudalism: What Killed Capitalism*, bestselling economist Yanis Varoufakis, Professor of Economics at the University of Greece, draws on stories from Greek myth to pop culture, from Homer to Mad Men, to explain this game-changing transformation and how it holds the key to understanding our times.

**Tickets £17 / £33**

**includes a copy of *Technofeudalism* (£22 RRP)**

**Book on 0161 200 1500 or [homemcr.org](http://homemcr.org)**



## Natalie Haynes

**Wednesday 11 October 2023, 7pm**

**Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama**

Rock star classicist, author and broadcaster Natalie Haynes (*Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics*, *Stone Blind*) returns to MLF to celebrate the publication of her latest non-fiction book, *Divine Might: Goddesses in Greek Myth*. Expect to be educated, entertained and become fiercely passionate about the Greek goddesses. Presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing & Creative Manchester.

**Tickets £12/£10**



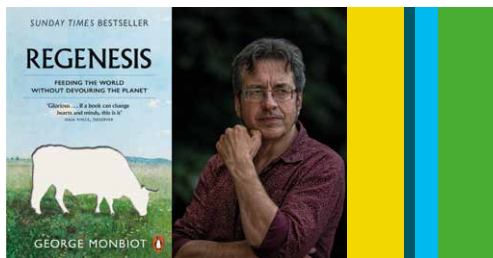
## Michael Lewis: Flash Boys & New Tycoons

**Tuesday 10 October 2023, 7pm**

**Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama**

A master storyteller, Michael Lewis (*The Big Short*, *Moneyball*) has uncovered some of the biggest stories of our times, from game-changing exposés of high-speed scamming to the excesses of the 1980s. He discusses *Going Infinite*, which chronicles the high-octane story of Sam Bankman-Fried, with host **Erica Wagner**. Presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing and Creative Manchester. Sponsored by Weightmans and Investec Wealth & Investment.

**Tickets £12/£10**



## George Monbiot in Conversation with Sarah Bridle

**Monday 16 October 2023, 7.30pm**

**HOME**

One of our most fearless voices on nature, climate change and the environment, George Monbiot (*Feral: Rewilding the Land*) considers a way to grow more food with less farming and transform our relationship with the Earth in *Regeneses: Feeding the World Without Devouring the Planet*. A passionate speaker, George counts Greta Thunberg and Robert Macfarlane amongst his fans. Presented in partnership with Manchester Lit & Phil.

**Tickets £17/£15**

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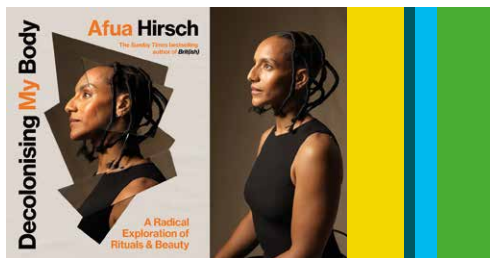
## Gaia Vince in Conversation

**Sunday 15 October, 2pm**

**Central Library**

In *Nomad Century: How to Survive the Climate Upheaval*, award-winning science writer, journalist and broadcaster Gaia Vince promotes the idea of planned and extensive migration as key to surviving the climate crisis. A brilliant speaker, Gaia will discuss how the relocation of hundreds of millions of people will allow us to adapt habitats and create global economic security. Presented in partnership with Manchester Museum and hosted by Museum Director **Esme Ward**.

**£12/£10**



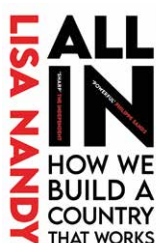
## Decolonising My Body with Afua Hirsch

**Wednesday 18 October 2023, 7pm**

**Central Library**

Through puberty rituals to body hair to waist beads to tattoos, in *Decolonising My Body*, writer and broadcaster Afua Hirsch (*Brit(ish)*) looks at ideas of how notions of beauty are constructed and stripped away, empowering people to reconnect with their ancestral heritage and healing their bodies and minds along the way. Afua will be in conversation with poet and MLF Patron **Jackie Kay**.

**Tickets £12/£10**



## Lisa Nandy

Thursday 19 October 2023, 7pm  
Central Library

In *All In: How we build a country that works*, Lisa Nandy sets out a way in which we can turn around the global changes, political divisions and economic crises that have rocked the UK. One of the stars of frontline politics, Lisa is MP for Wigan and the Shadow Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

**Tickets £12/£10**

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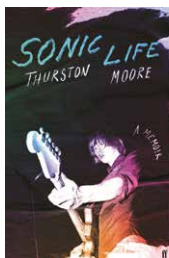
## Jeremy Deller

Sunday 22 October 2023, 2.30pm  
HOME

One of the most innovative and playful artists of his generation, Jeremy Deller has spent his career believing that art is a 'form of magic' which makes 'the mundane profound'. He joins us to talk about the power of imagination, creativity, collaboration, Manchester, acid house and his joyful book *Art is Magic*. Jeremy represented Britain in the 55th Venice Biennale.

**Tickets £17/£15**

**Book on 0161 200 1500 or [homemcr.org](http://homemcr.org)**



## Thurston Moore in Conversation

Friday 17 November, 7pm  
Central Library

At this special in conversation to launch his memoir *Sonic Life*, Thurston Moore, one of the founding members of Sonic Youth, will discuss his journey to becoming one of the most influential musicians of his generation. Come along and hear about his passion for music and art, his reflections of New York and his thirty years of creation, experimentation and wonder. Sponsored by The Midland Manchester.

**Tickets £14/£12**



## Doon Mackichan in Conversation

Monday 20 November 2023, 7pm  
Central Library

British actor, comedian and writer Doon Mackichan (*Smack the Pony*) joins us to launch her memoir, *My Lady Parts: A Life Fighting Stereotypes*. Through the roles she's played on TV, in the theatre and in life, Doon examines the stories we are telling in a culture that profoundly diminishes our power as women. Sponsored by Weightmans and presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing and Creative Manchester.

**Tickets £12/£10**

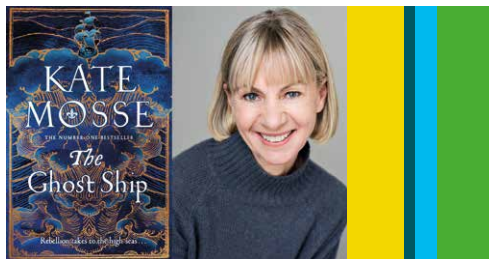


## How to Write Historical Fiction Masterclass with Kate Mosse

**Saturday 7 October 2023, 1-2.30pm**  
**The Edwardian Manchester, Peter Street**

Have you always wanted to write historical fiction? Internationally acclaimed author Kate Mosse (*Labyrinth*, *Sepulchre*) is here to show you how. Expect to learn everything you could want to know about getting started and leave with the skills to make the story you're passionate about come to life on the page.

**Tickets £25**



## Kate Mosse in Conversation

**Saturday 7 October 2023, 4.30pm**  
**Central Library**

*'I am, indeed, notorious, feared over sea and land. I am the one they did not believe could exist. I am the commander of the Ghost Ship.'* In her gripping new novel, *The Ghost Ship*, internationally acclaimed author Kate Mosse (*Labyrinth*, *Sepulchre*, *The Burning Chambers*) tells a tale of adventure and liberation, of hidden identities, of love and revenge. Hosted by **Beth Underdown**.

**Tickets £12/£10**

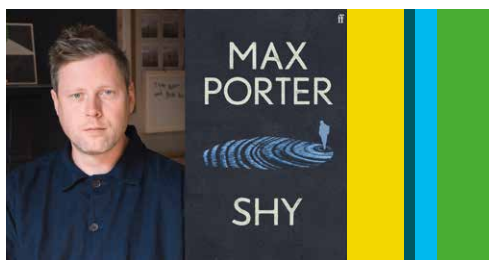


## Deborah Levy

**Saturday 7 October 2023, 7pm**  
**Central Library**

*'I projected myself into her and she became music.'* One of our greatest contemporary novelists and a thoughtful and interesting speaker, Deborah Levy (*The Cost of Living*, *The Man Who Saw Everything*, *Hot Milk*) engages in ideas about time, culture, identity in her superb new novel *August Blue*. Presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing & Creative Manchester.

**Tickets £12/£10**



## Max Porter presents Shy

**Saturday 7 October 2023, 7.30pm**  
**Contact**

Meet Shy, a teenage boy in trouble, trying to figure out his life. Through his unique style, Max Porter (*Grief is the Thing with Feathers*) brings Shy to life, allowing us to enter his head and see what lies beneath. In a very special event, Max will perform a dramatic abridged reading from *Shy* with a live electronic score by Roly Porter. Presented in partnership with Centre for New Writing and Creative Manchester.

**Tickets £17/£15**

**Book on 0161 274 0600 or [contactmcr.com](http://contactmcr.com)**





## Elif Shafak: My Life in Books

**Sunday 8 October 2023, 4pm**  
**Central Library**

Much loved Turkish-British novelist Elif Shafak (*The Island of Missing Trees*, *The Forty Rules of Love*) joins us for a very special event. Elif will discuss some of the writers and poets that have influenced and inspired her in her work and her life, some of the books she returns to regularly and her own life-long passion for reading, writing and storytelling.

**Tickets £14/£12**



## An Evening with Zadie Smith

**Monday 9 October 2023, 7.30pm**  
**Contact**

With *The Fraud*, Zadie Smith (*White Teeth*) turns her incredible talent to historical fiction for the first time, telling the tale of the Tichborne Case, the trial that captivated and divided Victorian England in the 1860s. Zadie uses razor sharp wit to consider truth and lies, the position of women, the legacy of slavery and whose stories are heard. Hosted by **Erica Wagner** and sponsored by Weightmans.

**Tickets £17/£15**

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## Lauren Groff

**Tuesday 10 October 2023, 7pm**  
**Waterstones Deansgate**

In Lauren Groff's stunning new novel, *The Vaster Wilds*, a girl heads into the wilderness. There she encounters fear and beauty in nature and considers the events that led to her flight. Lauren is the three-time National Book Award finalist author of *Florida*, *Matrix* and *Fates and Furies*. Come and see her discuss sisterhood and strong characters at this rare UK event with host **Naomi Frisby**.

**Tickets £10/£8**



## Richard Armitage

**Wednesday 11 October 2023, 8pm**  
**The Lowry (Quays Theatre)**

*'An outstanding debut - ingenious, fast-paced and unpredictable'* – Harlan Coben. Nobel Prize-winning scientist Sarah Collier finds herself in the middle of a web of secrets and lies in award-winning actor Richard Armitage's (*Spooks*, *The Hobbit*, *Captain America*) page-turning debut thriller, *Geneva*. He discusses the novel and his journey from performing characters on stage and screen to writing them. Sponsored by The Edwardian Manchester.

**Tickets £28**

**including a copy of Geneva (£16.99 RRP)**



## Annie Macmanus

**Thursday 12 October 2023, 7pm**  
**Central Library**

In Annie Macmanus' absorbing second novel *The Mess We're In* it's the early noughties and 21-year-old Orla Quinn has come to London with a burning desire to make music. But what will it take to make it? Annie is an internationally renowned DJ, broadcaster, host of *Changes* podcast and author of *Mother Mother*. Sponsored by The Edwardian Manchester.

**Tickets £12/£10**

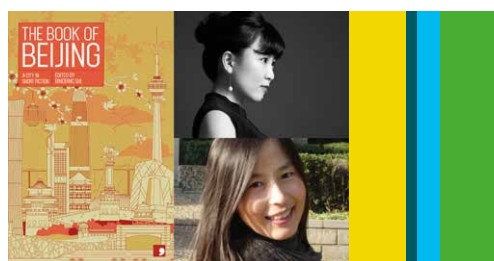


## New Commission: Auður Ava Ólafsdóttir

**Sunday 15 October 2023, 2pm**  
**International Anthony Burgess Foundation**

*'Ólafsdóttir's specialty is the small journeys we take to save ourselves and the ones we care for. She is the heart's finest map-maker.'* – Sjón. Icelandic novelist and poet Auður Ava Ólafsdóttir (*Hotel Silence*) returns to the city to discuss her work and share new writing inspired by her Writers Residency in Manchester earlier this summer. Presented in partnership with Manchester UNESCO City of Literature.

**Tickets Free – advance booking recommended**

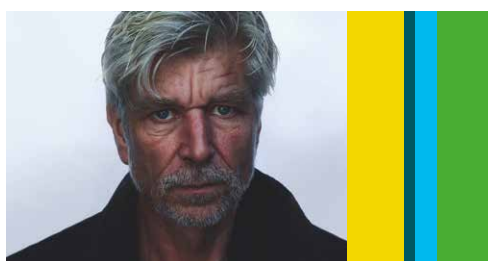


## The Book of Beijing

**Sunday 15 October 2023, 4pm**  
**International Anthony Burgess Foundation**

How does a city as complex as Beijing shape or inspire its authors and artists? Writers **Wen Zhen** and **Gu Shi** join us to share their contributions to *The Book of Beijing* and discuss the importance of place, identity and storytelling with translator and host **Christopher MacDonald**. Presented in partnership with Comma Press and the Confucius Institute at the University of Manchester.

**Tickets Free – advance booking recommended**



## Karl Ove Knausgaard in Conversation

**Tuesday 17 October 2023, 7pm**  
**Central Library**

Norwegian author Karl Ove Knausgaard makes his MLF debut to discuss his dazzling new novel *The Wolves of Eternity* (tr. Martin Aitkin). A giant of contemporary literature with the ability to balance unflinching intimacy with big, essential themes, Karl Ove is the author of the *My Struggle* series, 'the greatest literary invention of the 21st century.'

**Tickets £12/£30**  
**inc a copy of *The Wolves of Eternity* (£25 RRP)**



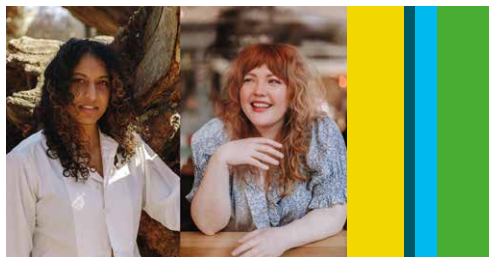


## Sandra Newman

**Wednesday 18 October 2023, 7pm**  
**Waterstones Deansgate**

What would George Orwell's iconic *1984* look like from a female perspective? In her blistering new novel *Julia*, Sandra Newman (*The Heavens*) introduces us to life in Airstrip One through the eyes of Julia Worthing, the mechanic who has an affair with Winston Smith. Come and see Sandra discuss her distinctive fiction and how dystopia mirrors the world around us with host **Naomi Frisby**.

**Tickets £10/£8**



## Monica Heisey & Sheena Patel

**Friday 20 October 2023, 7pm**  
**Central Library**

Two of fiction's rising stars discuss their brilliant debut novels, strong women characters, narrative voice, the perils of modern love and relationships, and how we present ourselves in the physical and digital worlds. Monica Heisey is a Canadian television writer (*Schitt's Creek*) and the author of *Really Good, Actually*. Sheena Patel is a writer, assistant director for the film and TV industry and part of the 4 Brown Girls Who Write collective. Her acerbic debut is *I'm A Fan*.

**Tickets £10/£8**



## Jeanette Winterson

**Sunday 22 October 2023, 7.30pm**  
**HOME**

One of our most prolific and inspiring storytellers, Jeanette Winterson (*FRANKISSSTEIN*, *Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?*) returns to MLF to launch her new book, *Night Side of the River: Ghost Stories*. Jeanette will read from her new collection and share her real life encounters with the occult. Presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing and Creative Manchester.

**Tickets £17/£15**

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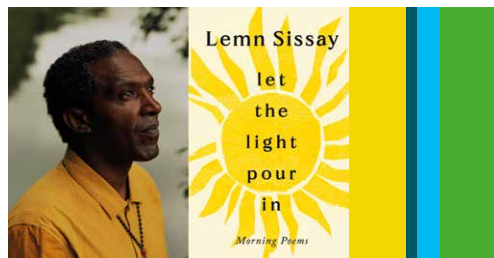


## Naomi Alderman in Conversation

**Wednesday 29 November 2023, 7pm**  
**Central Library**

'The future is coming. *The Future* is here.' Naomi Alderman (*The Power*, *Disobedience*) discusses her superb new novel *The Future*, creating strong feminist characters on the page and screen, and her superpowers as a novelist and game writer. Presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing and Creative Manchester.

**Tickets £12/£10**



## Lemn Sissay

**Saturday 16 September 2023, 7.30pm**

**HOME**

We are delighted to welcome back to MLF one of our most loved performers, Lemn Sissay (*My Name Is Why*) for a special preview event to launch his latest poetry collection *Let the Light Pour In*. Exuberant, funny and occasionally heart-wrenching, he's a pleasure to watch. Presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing and Creative Manchester.

**Tickets £17/£15**

**Book on 0161 200 1500 or [homemcr.org](http://homemcr.org)**



## Terrance Hayes, Anthony Anaxagorou & Selina Nwulu

**Friday 13 October 2023, 6.30pm**

**Central Library**

Three dynamic poets perform work from their latest collections. Terrance Hayes' blistering new work *So to Speak* explores what it means to be an artist and a Black man; Anthony Anaxagorou's daring second collection *Heritage Aesthetics* asks what it means to have heritage, and Selina Nwulu's superb debut *A Little Resurrection* explores grief, injustice and an identity in flux. Presented in partnership with Manchester Poetry Library.

**Tickets £10/£8**



## New Commission: Jason Allen-Paisant

**Saturday 14 October 2023, 2pm**

**Manchester Art Gallery**

'It is beautiful, oh my god it is.' Award-winning poet Jason Allen-Paisant (*Thinking with Trees, Self-Portrait as Othello*) has created a trio of exquisite, luxurious, sensual and playful poems inspired by paintings and garments in Manchester Art Gallery's collection and co-commissioned by Manchester Literature Festival and MAG. He will perform them for the first time at this intimate event hosted by Malika Booker.

**Tickets Free – advance booking recommended**



## An Evening with Linton Kwesi Johnson

**Saturday 14 October 2023, 7.30pm**

**Contact**

A special event with pioneering Jamaican reggae poet, performer, activist and critic, Linton Kwesi Johnson. Linton will perform a short set from his extraordinary collection *Selected Poems* before discussing his work, his contribution to Black British culture and the artists and activists that have inspired and nurtured him with host **Jackie Kay**. Presented in partnership with Manchester Poetry Library.

**Tickets £17/£15**

**Book on 0161 274 0600 or [contactmcr.com](http://contactmcr.com)**



## Simon Armitage

**Sunday 15 October 2023, 4pm**  
**Central Library**

Poet Laureate Simon Armitage has always been inspired as much by music as he is the written or spoken word. His latest book *Never Good With Horses* collects Simon's musical outpourings. Join us to hear him read some of his favourites and discuss his love of language, his collaborations with musicians, and some of the songwriters and lyricists he admires. Presented in partnership with Manchester Poetry Library.

**Tickets £14/£12**



## PNR at 50

**Thursday 19 October 2023, 7pm**  
**(Drinks Reception from 6pm)**

**John Rylands Research Institute and Library**

Join us for the annual Rylands Poetry Reading and a special jubilee celebration of *PN Review*, publishing some of the most vital, diverse and provocative poetry and commentary from around the globe. Contributing editors **Anthony Vahni Capildeo**, **Sasha Dugdale** and **Will Harris** will read their own poems alongside favourite discoveries from *PN Review*. Presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing and Creative Manchester.

**Tickets Free – advance booking recommended**

Book on **0343 208 0500** or  
**manchestreliteraturefestival.co.uk**



## New Commission: Cities Untold

**Tuesday 17 October 2023, 7pm**  
**International Anthony Burgess Foundation**

**Billie Meredith**, **SAF-S2E**, **Cassandra Marie Geyti**, **Silas Toft**, **Marie Laurberg Nielsen** and **Selina Rom Andersen**, talented young writers from Manchester, Aalborg and Aarhus present surprising, sensual, and sometimes surreal poetry inspired by explorations of each other's cities as part of the Cities Untold residency project. Produced by Nicole May and presented in partnership with Young Identity and Danish festivals Ordkraft and LiteratureXchange

**Tickets £5 (inc copy of the *Cities Untold* anthology)**



## Cabaret for Freedom

**Saturday 21 October 2023, 7.30pm**  
**St John's Church, Old Trafford**

Join us for an evening of music and poetry. Ghanaian-born **Kwame Dawes** has published 24 collections of poetry including *Nebraska* and *Wisteria*. Nigerian-American poet and musician **Ugochi Nwaogwugwu** has produced three acclaimed albums. Part of the Nuyorican Poets Café National Slam team, **Jive Poetic** has collected grand slam championship titles across the globe. **Young Identity** will present a specially commissioned ensemble piece celebrating Audre Lorde.

**Tickets £12/£8**

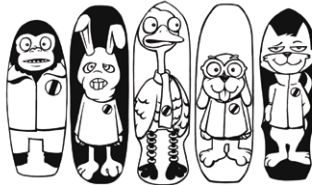


## Kwame Dawes Masterclass: The Art Of / In Obsession

**Saturday 21 October, 1 – 2.30pm**  
**Manchester Poetry Library**

Join acclaimed Jamaican poet and storyteller Kwame Dawes for an intimate poetry workshop. We will explore how engaging our obsessions can teach us a great deal about our art and can feed the power and urgency of what we write about. The hope is to find the sweet spot between “the trying” and “the rest is not our business.” Presented in partnership with Manchester Poetry Library.

**Tickets are Free but advanced booking required**



## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Our special programme of events and participatory activities for young readers includes a **Little Reads Family Day** with *Speak Up!* author **Nathan Bryon** and illustrator **Dapo Adeola**, an award-winning production of **Michael Morpurgo's I Believe in Unicorns** and a **Skateboard Drawing Club** with **Ed Syder**.

**For full details please check**  
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## Please check event listings for booking details

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For all events booked through Quaytickets there is a one-off e-ticket transaction fee of 75p but no additional booking fees on tickets.

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## Online 24 hours

[manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](http://manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk)

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**9am – 8pm, Saturday: 10am – 8pm,**

**Sunday: 10am – 6pm.**

If an event is not sold out, tickets will be available for walk-up customers at the venue just prior to an event starting.

Check social media for updates on ticket availability.

Most Festival events have unreserved seating, except for events at Contact, HOME and The Lowry.

Latecomers may be admitted at a suitable break in an event; however, this is at the discretion of the venue and Festival.

Tickets cannot be refunded except on the cancellation or substantial alteration of an event.

## Concessions and Discounts

Where a concessionary ticket is listed for an event, this is available to: recipients of Pension Credit, full-time students, jobseekers, and disabled people. A carer or assistant attending with a disabled person can attend for free but please advise when booking.

## Access

The Festival aims to be as accessible as possible and welcomes disabled people. If you have any enquiries about Festival venues, you can contact the venue directly using the venue links on our webpage.

If you would like to request a BSL interpreter for an event or have any other special assistance requirements, please email the Festival team at [office@manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](mailto:office@manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk) and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Festival staff and volunteers will be on hand to provide information and assist at events.

For a map and list of disabled parking bays in Manchester city centre, please visit the Manchester City Council website:

[manchester.gov.uk](http://manchester.gov.uk)

For information about Changing Places toilet facilities, please visit: [changing-places.org](http://changing-places.org)

## Event Changes and Updates

To the best of the Festival's knowledge, all programming information is correct at the time of going to print. Please check the following for any changes, cancellations or event updates:

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