



Manchester
Literature
Festival

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Manchester Literature Festival announces more writers for its Spring 2024 programme: David Mitchell and Miranda July

An Evening with David Mitchell

Tuesday 14 May 2024, 7pm, Central Library

Manchester Literature Festival marks the 20th anniversary of author David Mitchell's epic, polyphonic novel *Cloud Atlas* with a special event. David will be in conversation with writer Naomi Frisby where he will discuss creating *Cloud Atlas*, his storytelling techniques and fictional worlds, the film adaptation by the Wachowskis, his screenwriting work along with his literary and cultural influences.

David Mitchell is the author of nine novels including *number9dream*, *Black Swan Green*, *The Bone Clocks* and *Utopia Avenue*. He has been shortlisted for the Booker Prize twice and in 2018, he won the Sunday Times Award for Literary Excellence, given in recognition of a writer's entire body of work. His screenwriting credits include the TV shows *Pachinko*, *Sense8*, and the movie *Matrix: Resurrections*.

<https://www.manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk/events/an-evening-with-david-mitchell-40326>

An Evening with Miranda July

Tuesday 11 June 2024, 7pm, Central Library

Writer, film maker and artist Miranda July will be in Manchester to discuss her brilliant new novel *All Fours* with writer Kate Feld. A conversation with a witty and original artist which is not to be missed.

A semi-famous artist declares her intention to drive from Los Angeles to NYC. Instead, she checks into a motel thirty minutes from the home she shares with her husband and child and begins a reinvention which has a profound impact on her life. In Miranda's unique, funny and tender voice, *All Fours* explores the societal boundaries placed on middle-aged women through desire, sex, perimenopause and motherhood, questioning what freedom might look like within those constraints.

Miranda is the author of four books including the award-winning short story collection, *No One Belongs Here More Than You* and *The First Bad Man*. She has written and directed three feature films, while also starring in the first two. The latest is *Kajillionaire*. The second, *Me and You and Everyone We Know*, won the Camera d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and a Special Jury Prize at Sundance.

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Events previously announced for the programme:

Percival Everett in Conversation, 10 April 2024, 7pm, Central Library

Presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing and Creative Manchester.

David Nicholls in Conversation, 22 April 2024, 7pm, Central Library NOW SOLD OUT

Presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing, Creative Manchester and Waterstones Deansgate.

Olivia Laing: *The Garden Against Time*, 10 May 2024, 7pm, Central Library

Presented in partnership with the Centre for New Writing and Creative Manchester.

Ends

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To book

Tickets are on sale for MLF Members from 11am on Tuesday 9 April and on general sale on Thursday 11 April.

To buy an MLF Get Closer Membership and book advance tickets visit

<https://www.quaytickets.com/mlf/screenloader.aspx?page=usercontent/html/manchesterliteraturefestival/memberships.html&type=include>

Listings information

Percival Everett in Conversation

Wednesday 10 April 2024, 7pm

Central Library, Manchester

Tickets: £12/£10

David Nicholls in Conversation NOW SOLD OUT

Monday 22 April 2024, 7pm

Central Library, Manchester

Tickets: £12/£10

Olivia Laing: The Garden Against Time

Friday 10 May 2024, 7pm

Central Library, Manchester

Tickets: £12/£10

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Tuesday 14 May 2024, 7pm

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About the Festival

Manchester Literature Festival has been building on its previous success expanding audiences and creating new partnerships across the national and international literary world. Patrons of Manchester Literature Festival include former Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, award-winning journalist and Observer critic Rachel Cooke, poet and former Scottish Makar Jackie Kay, broadcaster and anchor of BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour Dame Jenni Murray, poet and publisher Michael Schmidt, acclaimed novelist Kamila Shamsie and author and broadcaster Erica Wagner.

Over the past 19 years, the Festival has featured many of the biggest names in literary fiction and spoken word as well as prominent cultural figures from across the globe, including Monica Ali, Martin Amis, Tori Amos, Richard Armitage, Simon Armitage, Nihal Arthanayake, Margaret Atwood, Kate Atkinson, Malorie Blackman, William Boyd, Jung Chang, Susanna Clarke, Angela Davis, Jeremy Deller, Roddy Doyle, Margaret Drabble, Carol Ann Duffy, Jennifer Egan, Inua Ellams, Edward Enniful, Anne Enright, Bernadine Evaristo, Neil Gaiman, Guy Garvey, Bobby Gillespie, Lauren Groff, Natalie Haynes, Seamus Heaney, Alan Hollinghurst, Nick Hornby, Howard Jacobson, Alan Johnson, Paterson Joseph, Barbara Kingsolver, Hanif Kureishi, Linton Kwesi Johnson, Deborah Levy, Armistead Maupin, Johnny Marr, Val McDermid, David Mitchell, Thurston Moore, Kate Mosse, Maggie O'Farrell, David Olusoga, Max Porter, Ian Rankin, , Kit de Waal, A.M

Homes, Kazuo Ishiguro, Doon Mackichan, Paul Mason, Val McDermid, David Mitchell, Paul Morley, Walter Mosley, Andrew Motion, Jo Nesbo, Patrick Ness, Audrey Niffenegger, Ben Okri, Arundhati Roy, Will Self, Kamila Shamsie, Elif Shafak, Lemn Sissay, Zadie Smith, Elizabeth Strout, Kae Tempest, Neil Tennant, Colm Toibín, Rose Tremain, Sarah Waters, Vivienne Westwood, Colson Whitehead, Jeanette Winterson and Xinran.

The festival has also welcomed prominent activists, campaigners, politicians and disruptors including Patrisse Cullors (co-founder of Black Lives Matter), Angela Davis, Reni Eddo-Lodge, Caroline Criado Perez, George Monbiot, Lisa Nandy, Bernie Sanders, Rebecca Solnit and Gloria Steinem.

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