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Nobel laureates, writers and innovators lead Hay Festival Querétaro programme

Appearances from: writers **André Aciman**, **Lydia Davis**, **Vivian Gormick**, **Rosemary Sullivan**, **Jeanette Winterson**, **Agustín Fernández Mallo**, **Margo Glantz**; Nobel Laureates **Shirin Ebadi** and **Venki Ramakrishnan**; mathematician **Marcus du Sautoy**; singer-songwriter **Patti Smith**; Buddhist nun **Kankyo Tannier**; Mexican actor **Tenoch Huerta**; journalists **Alma Guillermoprieto**, **Lydia Cacho** and **Andrés Oppenheimer**; and illustrators **Peter Kuper** and **Liniers**

Hay Festival Querétaro has today announced the line-up for the 13th edition in Mexico, 6-9 September, with global activism, US policy, innovations in STEM and gender equality leading a programme that spans 140 speakers and 106 events over 4 days.

Explore the programme and book tickets at hayfestival.org/queretaro.

Mexico's leading festival of literature and the arts, Hay Festival Querétaro features a blend of Nobel laureates, award-winning writers and journalists, global policy makers, pioneers and innovators debating the latest ideas in the arts, sciences and current affairs. Twenty-five per cent of main stage event capacity is available free to students, while workshops and conversations in the local communities ensure the festival reaches the widest possible audience.

The thirteenth Hay Festival in Mexico, Querétaro follows editions in Zacatecas, Xalapa and Mexico City. One of the northern hemisphere's fastest growing cities, Querétaro's historic centre, quaint *andadores* and acclaimed cuisine make it a unique cultural haven, and a major cultural attraction boosted further by this celebration of literature.

Cristina Fuentes La Roche, international director of Hay Festival, said: "We are delighted to present our thirteenth programme in Mexico, showcasing the very best of national and international literature alongside a vibrant strand of conversations that take on the big issues of the day: from gender equality to US policy, from the challenges of investigative journalism to innovations in tech. With music, art and comedy, it will be a celebration of ideas too. Join us."

Programme highlights:

Literary stars from around the world present their latest work, including a trio of American greats in **André Aciman**, **Lydia Davis** and **Vivian Gormick**; Canada's **Rosemary Sullivan**; Britain's **Jeanette Winterson** and **David Keenan**; Italy's **Andrea Marcolongo**; Argentina's **Elsa Osorio** and **Patricio Pron**; Chile's **Alejandro Zambra**; and Spain's **Agustín Fernández Mallo**, **Sergio del Molino**, **Vicente Molina Foix**, **Juan José Millás** and **Manuel Vilás**.

Leading Mexican writers include **Margo Glantz**, **Mario Bellatin**, **Guillermo Fadanelli**, **Monica Lavin**, **Jorge Zepeda Patterson**, and **Claudina Domingo**. The festival's **Bogotá39** selection of emerging LatAm writers will be represented by **Emiliano Monge**, **Eduardo Rabasa**, **Mónica Ojeda**, **Daniel Saldaña París** and **Jesús Miguel Soto**; while a concurrent series of events in The Wild Detectives bookshop in Dallas, Texas, USA, will feature **Juan Cárdenas**, **Gabriela Jauregui**, **Brenda Lozano**, and **Eduardo Rabasa**.

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Two Nobel laureates appear: the first Muslim woman and the first Iranian person to win the Nobel Peace Prize (2003), **Shirin Ebadi** is the lawyer who has dedicated a lifetime to the defence of human rights in her country, and **Venki Ramakrishnan**, winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, for his work in molecular biology. Meanwhile, innovations in STEM take centre-stage in conversations with evolutionary biologist **Antonio Lazcano**, mathematician **Marcus du Sautoy**, geneticist **Miguel Pita** and anthropologist **Agustín Fuentes**.

Acclaimed artists and thinkers discuss their life's work, including award-winning singer-songwriters **Patti Smith** and **Amandititita**, Buddhist nun **Kankyo Tannier**, and Mexican actor **Tenoch Huerta**; plus there's music from **Celso Piña** and his **Ronda Bogotá**.

Journalism is drawn into focus in conversations with the winner of the Princess of Asturias Award for Communication, **Alma Guillermoprieto**, and **Lydia Cacho**, **Gabriela Warkentin**, **Denisse Dresser**, **Marcela Turati**, **Salvador Camarena**, **Alejandra Gonzalez**, **Nayeli Roldan**, **Pablo Ferri**, and **Andrés Oppenheimer**.

Leading illustrators and cartoonists appear, including the team behind *Illegal*, **Eoin Colfer**, **Andrew Donkin** and **Giovanni Rigano**; Colombia's **Powerpaola**; Spain's **María Hesse** and **Raquel Riba Rossy**; America's **Peter Kuper**; Mexico's **Bef**; and caricaturist duo **Liniers** and **Montt**.

A series of exhibitions take over the city with works by **Casa Gutiérrez Najera** and **Odabashian** at the **Regional Museum of Querétaro**, and photographer **Daniel Mordzinski** in the **Municipal Gallery of Querétaro**, plus exhibitions in collaboration with **Digital Culture Center** and the **Libertad Gallery**.

Hay Festival is one of 10 European cultural institutions participating in the global **Wom@rts** project, aiming to highlight the contribution of women to cultural heritage and diversity, and to tackle gender inequality by supporting their work globally. Between 2018 and 2021 a series of festival events will be co-programmed with Wom@rts to interrogate these issues, including a series of talks at Hay Festival Querétaro.

Meanwhile, Hay Festivalito and Hay Joven strands of programming feature workshops and events for young people with speakers including **Benito Taibo**, **Olga de Dios**, **Eoin Colfer**, **Tamar Cohen**, **Rocio Bonilla**, **Alfredo Núñez Lanz**, and **Andrew Donkin**.

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About Hay Festival

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Hay Festival brings readers and writers together to share stories and ideas in sustainable events around the world. The festivals inspire, examine and entertain, inviting participants to imagine the world as it is and as it might be.

Nobel Prize-winners and novelists, scientists and politicians, historians and musicians talk with audiences in a dynamic exchange of ideas. The Festival's global conversation shares the latest thinking in the arts and sciences with curious audiences live, in print and online. Hay Festival also runs wide programmes of education work supporting coming generations of writers and culturally hungry audiences of all ages.

In 1987, the festival was dreamt up around a kitchen table in Wales. Thirty-one years later, the unique marriage of exacting conversations and entertainment for all ages has travelled to editions in 30 locations, from the historic town of Cartagena in Colombia to the heart of cities in Peru, Mexico and Spain. The organisation now reaches a global audience of hundreds of thousands every year and continues to grow and innovate, building partnerships and initiatives alongside some of the leading bodies in arts and the media.

Acclaimed author, actor and writer Stephen Fry is President of the organisation; Peter Florence is Director; and Caroline Michel, CEO of leading literary and talent agency Peters Fraser + Dunlop, is Chair of the Festival board.

Coming up:

Hay Festival Querétaro, **Mexico** (6-9 September 2018)

Hay Festival Segovia, **Spain** (20-23 September 2018)

Hay Festival Arequipa, **Peru** (8-11 November 2018)

Hay Festival Wales Winter Weekend, **UK** (22-25 November 2018)

Hay Festival Cartagena de Indias, **Colombia** (31 January-3 February 2019)

Hay Festival Wales, **UK** (23 May-2 June 2019)