

2026 Schedule Saturday, October 17

KEY NONFICTION FICTION POETRY WORKSHOPS BBF UNBOUND KIDS YOUNG ADULTS SPECIAL EVENTS

	OLD SOUTH CHURCH (OSC)			CHURCH OF THE COVENANT SANCTUARY	TRINITY CHURCH UNDER CROFT		FIRST CHURCH SANCTUARY	FIRST CHURCH AUDITORIUM	BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY (BPL)		BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY (BPL)								GOETHE-INSTITUT	
	MAIN SANCTUARY	MARY NORTON HALL	GUILD ROOM						RABB HALL	NEWSFEED CAFE		GUASTAVINO HALL	COMMONWEALTH SALON	ORIENTATION ROOM	EXHIBITION HALL	TEEN CENTRAL	CHILDREN'S LIBRARY	CHILDREN'S REY ROOM	FRENCH LIBRARY FIRST FLOOR	1 ST FLOOR
10AM														10:00-11:00					10:00-11:00	
10:15														Building a Memoir's Global World for an American Audience Margaret Woo Lorena Hernández Leonard Xujun Eberlein HOST Alexis Chen Johnson					The Rarest Fruit Gaëlle Bélem	
10:30		10:30-11:30			10:30-11:15				10:30-11:30			10:30-11:45	10:15-11:15				10:30-11:00		HOST Barbara Bouqueneau	
10:45		The Wondrous World of Birds Lorna Gibson Tina Morris HOST Mark Faherty	10:45-11:45		Monsters in the Archives: My Year of Fear with Stephen King Caroline Bicks HOST Edgar B. Herwick III				Kids Keynote Meg Medina Claribel A. Ortega			The Stories We Hide: Desire, Deception, and Dangerous Truths Deborah Goodrich Royce, Andre Hardy Stephen P.Kiernan Katherine A. Sherbrooke HOST Sara DiVello	Open Book: Novelists Answer Your Writing Questions Steve Almond, Daniel José Older, Yu-Mei Balasingamchow, and Lori Gold HOST Lauren Artiles		10:30-11:30					
11AM	11:00-12:00						11:00-12:00	11:00-12:00		11:00-12:00					Hauntings: How Do We Care For Each Other? Christopher Castellani Tom Perrotta April Reynolds HOST Kate Tuttle			10:45-11:45		11:00-12:00
11:15	Classics Keynote: Translation Across Time						Chess & Money Kenneth Rogoff Ben Mezrich HOST Linda Henry	Writing the Body: Narratives of Illness, Disability, and Witness Alex Green Grace Talusan Alysia Abbott HOST Melanie Brooks		High Seas Adventure Julie Gerstenblatt Ashton Lattimore Ethan Rutherford HOST Katherine Howe								Monsters, Ghouls, and Never Giving Up Haley Neil Raúl the Third		Korean Voices in Poetic Form Lee Seong-bok, Anton Hur Shin Hae-uk, Spencer Lee-Lenfield HOST Sandra Lim
11:30	Emily Wilson Daniel Hahn																			
11:45					11:45-12:45								11:45-12:45						11:30-12:30	
12 PM		12:00-1:00		12:00-1:00					12:00-1:00				11:30-12:30						HOST Benoit Landon	
12:15		From Desire to Dessert: What Feeds Us Joanne Chang Tarajia Morrell Tanya Bush HOST Deborah Becker	12:15-1:15	Book Club Reads: The Complications of Love Emma Brodie Emily Everett Michelle Min Sterling, Naima Coster HOST Leslie Zemeckis					Living & Thriving, Together Kate Brown Samantha Paige Rosen Demond Martin HOST Larry Gennari			12:15-1:15			12:00-1:00		12:00-12:30			
12:30	12:30-1:30						12:30-1:30	12:30-1:30		12:30-1:30					Who Gets to Tell the Story? Natalie Lemle Brinda Charry Bo Wang HOST Dawn Tripp		12:15-1:15			
12:45	The Future of Liberal Democracy Daron Acemoglu Quinn Slobodian Michelle Berenfeld HOST Susan Goldberg						Bodies of Work: A Conversation Yiyun Li Ed Park HOST Brigid Hughes	How Love Survives Jessica Brilliant Keener Terah Shelton Harris Rylan Hynes Kerri Maher HOST Christine Mastrangelo		Gothic Horror Ashley Woo Abigail Rose-Marie Gabrielle Sher HOST Trisha Blanchet		The Radical Duke and the American Revolution Danielle Allen HOST David Leonard					Epic Tales from Across the Globe E. Lockhart Rajani LaRocca HOST Katie B. Kohn			12:30-1:30
1 PM																			1:00-2:00	
1:15					1:15-2:00								1:15-2:15						Before I Forget Anne Pauly HOST Bruno Perreau	HOST Danielle Jones
1:30		1:30-2:30		1:30-2:30					1:30-2:30					1:00-2:00						
1:45		Spirited Connections Julie Carrick Dalton Janet Rich Edwards Libbie Grant HOST Rachel Barenbaum	1:45-2:45	Mystery & Thriller Keynote Tess Gerritsen Walter Mosley HOST Sara DiVello					YA Keynote Renée Watson Jasmine Guillory			1:45-2:45			Obsessive Love and Mythic Subversion Kyle McCarthy Bar Fridman-Tell HOST Stephen P. Kiernan		1:45-2:45			
2 PM	2:00-3:00						2:00-3:00			2:00-3:00										2:00-3:00
2:15	The Road to Authoritarianism: Are We There Yet? Omer Aziz Timothy W. Ryback Casey Michel HOST Jennifer Moore						Being Human Sherry Turkle Eric C. So HOST Moira Weigel	2:15-3:30		Inspired by Art and Artists Priya Parmar Emily Franklin Lance Olsen HOST Whitney Scharer		Amazing True Stories from American History Caleb Gayle Denise Kiernan HOST Debra Adams Simmons								
2:30								Neighbors: How Do We Live With Each Other? Vincent Yu Heather Abel Bindu Bansinath Brian Schaefer HOST Christine Mastrangelo											2:30-3:30	
2:45													2:45-4:00						A Labor of Love: The Art of Literary Translation Emma Ramadan Sam Taylor HOST Stéphanie Ravillon	HOST Courtney Andree
3 PM		3:00-4:00		3:00-4:00					3:00-4:00						3:00-4:00					
3:15		The Second Half of Life Ellen Warner Tom French Margie Lachman HOST Callie Crossley	3:15-4:15	Magical Women: Witches, Writers, and the Lives We Imagine Alice Hoffman Laura Zigman HOST Dawn Tripp					Architecture Keynote: Architecture and Memory Michael P. Murphy HOST Maryann Thompson											
3:30	3:30-4:30						3:30-4:30			3:30-4:15										3:30-4:30
3:45	How to Be a Citizen Howard Bryant Roger Berkowitz Eric Liu HOST Saraya Wintersmith						Mattering & Belonging Rebecca Newberger Goldstein Ian Marcus Corbin HOST Kieran Setiya			Poetry off the Page Essmaa Litim, Daiana "Dexter" Garcia, René Manuel Ramos HOST Amanda Shea										Call it Evil: Understanding the Trump Era Susan Neiman HOST Sabine von Mering
4 PM									4:30-5:30											
4:15																				
4:30		4:30-5:30																		
4:45		Split Selves, Dystopian Futures Tomás Q. Morín Isabel J. Kim Anton Hur HOST Michelle Min Sterling	4:45-5:45																	
5 PM	5:00-6:00			5:00-6:00			5:00-6:00													
5:15	Fiction Keynote: Intersections of the Unexpected Edwidge Danticat Imbolo Mbue HOST Tim Ehrenberg			Who Wants to Be a Billionaire? Taeku Lee Pepper Culpepper Ray D. Madoff HOST Tracy Palandjian			Transformative Connections Across Generations Elizabeth Lim Tom Lin Allison King HOST Kerri Maher													
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6 PM																				

ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

COPLEY SQ. OUTDOORS BRAINSTORM TENT

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Join Reading is Fundamental's 60th anniversary celebration: Free books Reading activities Author read-aloud

12:00 • 1:00 • 2:00 • 3:00

Boston By Foot Walking Tours Meet at BBF Info Tent

COSTUME CHARACTERS

11:30-12:00

Molly of Denali

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Arthur

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

GOETHE-INSTITUT WORKSHOP SPACE

11:00 am -12:00 pm

Sonnet Making Open space for sonnet making, Mass Poetry

12:30 pm -1:30 pm

Love To Share Love: Workshop Emmanuel Oppong-Yeboah

ROOM & BOARD 6:30-7:30

Poems & Pints Kirun Kapur, Carson Jordan, Clay Ventre, Tomás Q. Morín

HOST Amanda Shea

Doors open at 6:00

SCAN TO VIEW SCHEDULE ONLINE