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PRESENT THE FIRST OXFORD LITERARY FESTIVAL FRINGE EVENT

OXFORD INDIE BOOK FAIR

Opening by the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Cllr. Craig Simmons and the Lady Mayoress, Elise Benjamin



SATURDAY 4th APRIL 2020

Wesley Memorial Hall, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford

OUR EVENT AND ITS AIMS

In today's publishing landscape, it is difficult for all but the most commercially successful authors to receive recognition from mainstream media or reach a wider platform. The line-ups for festivals tend to be the already famous and established authors, leaving limited space for local or less well-known writers. Now, indie book fairs are beginning to rectify this. As Oxford is a major city of arts and letters, renowned for writing and publishing, it is time for the ever-growing indie sector to have a stronger voice.

Oxford is blessed with its literary festival and the Oxford Indie Book Fair is presented as an essential supplementary event for new talent to showcase their work. It will run on the fringes of the literary festival.

KEY INFORMATION

- From 10.30am to 5pm on Saturday 4th April.
- Admission is FREE for the general public.
- Exhibit spaces (largely table tops) are available at very accessible rates.
- An engaging programme of performances to attract people of all ages taking place alongside the sale of published works.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

- Readings from new publications with Oxford connections.
- A workshop on animation by Joanna Harrison, director of *Going on a Bear Hunt* and screen writer of *The Tiger who Came to Tea*.
- A presentation by Sylvia Vetta on mixed-race relationships in history inspiring her fiction.
- A talk on writing comedy by Richard O. Smith.
- 'Reflections on Creativity' by Katie Isbester, examining her experience establishing Claret Press, an indie publishing press, and Claret and Conversation, a podcast interviewing people from the creative industry.
- Performance art by LAPA.
- Poetry readings by Oxford-based Jenny Lewis and Euton Daley.
- Children's workshop led by Korky Paul.
- Food and drink by Puks, an Indian street food vendor (Instagram: puks_streetfood). A share of the profits will be donated to 'Asylum Welcome'.

The organisers hope the Oxford Indie Book Fair 2020 will be the first of many to celebrate the independent sector of authors, publishers, e-publishers, agencies, printers, poets, illustrators, designers and writers' groups.

THE ORGANISERS

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