PALESTINE WRITES LITERATURE FESTIVAL

MARCH 27 TO 29, 2020
NEW YORK CITY
ANNOUNCING PALESTINE WRITES

The Inaugural Palestinian Literature Festival in North America

PALESTINE WRITES will be a watershed moment in the history of Palestinian cultural expression in North America. At NYU, Palestine Writes will feature some of the most prominent Palestinian writers in the world, alongside their peers in Black and Indigenous America.

The Festival’s dates are timed to coincide with Land Day in Palestine, which commemorates widespread popular nonviolent Palestinian protests and loss of life in opposition to Israel’s violent mass expropriation of Palestinian Land in 1976 - an expropriation which is still ongoing. Palestine Writes is sponsored in part by support from The Lannan Foundation, The Rockefeller Brothers Foundation, Columbia University Center for Palestine Studies, The Jerusalem Fund, The Qattan Foundation, the Palestine Foundation, Playgrounds for Palestine, and New Generation for Palestine. Media partners include Mondoweiss, Jacobin Magazine, Truthout, and In These Times.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT PALESTINE WRITES

VIET THANH NGUYEN
Pulitzer-Prize winner and author of The Sympathizer

As dire as the situation in Palestine is, this literary festival gives hope by showing the necessity of literature. We continue, as always, to need writers and their words to help us imagine a new way forward.

LAILA LALAMI
Pulitzer-Prize finalist, National Book Award Finalist, and American Book Award winning author of The Moor’s Account

This festival gives American audiences the chance to hear directly from Palestinian writers and activists, whose voices are too rarely included in the cultural conversation. An important addition to New York’s literary scene.

DR. HANAN ASHRAWI
Scholar, intellectual, and Palestinian legislator

We celebrate our life and our future and maintain our humanity and collective vision through literature and the arts. This literary festival is an affirmation of this exceptional form of struggle and resilience.

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Support This Historic Moment of Palestinian Culture and Social Agency in the United States.
The ‘Palestine Writes’ Literary Festival is an urgent attempt at bringing Palestinian voices, that are often muffled and unheard, to a wider audience. It serves an essential purpose of reclaiming the Palestinian voice and the authentic Palestinian narrative, while reaching out to progressive US writers in a rare opportunity at intellectual engagement. This shall help remedy part of an ongoing struggle, where Palestinian voices are absent from a discourse that should have been theirs in the first place.

Raja Shehadeh
Lawyer, novelist, winner of the Orwell Prize for political writing, founder of the human rights organization, Al-Haq

The Palestine Literature Festival being planned in the US promises to be an important event that will help introduce Palestinian literature to US audiences. It has my full support. There is a long way to go in bringing this literature to greater prominence among American audiences; this initiative is sure to make a strong contribution towards that long overdue objective.
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