

summer book festival

GOZO

14–15 JULY 2017 (10am–7pm)

Sir M.A. Refalo Post-Secondary School
Triq Fortunato Mizzi, Rabat (Gozo)

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PROGRAMME

14 JULY // youth and literature

10:00 Official Opening



The Festival will be opened by the Hon. Minister for Gozo, Justyne Caruana, who will also preside over a book donation to the library of Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form by the NBC.

10:30 Two Popular Writers for Young Readers // NBC



Renowned authors Clare Azzopardi and Lorraine Vella will be reading excerpts of their work to young members of the public. Clare will be reading excerpts from *Frape*, *De Molizz* and *Jake*; Lorraine Vella will be reading from her latest publication, *Rokit*

11:20 Reading Sessions by Various Authors // Faraxa and NBC



A number of authors will be reading excerpts of their work, both in Maltese and English, to young members of the public: Rita Saliba reading *Il-Kulur tal-Lellux*, Sarah Springham reading *The Gozo Cat Detectives: Trilogy*; Prof. Anthony Aquilina reading *Il-Ġgant id-Dħuli* (translation of *The Friendly Giant* by Gladys Masters); Graham Bayes reading *The Gold Knitting Needles / The Adventures of Joe Fenek / Octavius Moves House*

12:30 Book launch // Faraxa



Faraxa will launch *Is-Sigriet ta' Lulù* by Claudia Cini. The author will be present to sign copies of her publication and to meet and talk with members of the public

13:10 Up Close: A discussion with two novelists // Merlin Publishers



Chris Gruppetta will engage novelists Roberta Bajada and Simon Bartolo in a discussion on sources of inspiration and the experience of writing a novel for young readers. In particular, the discussion will look at *Termini u kundizzjonijiet japplikaw* and *Arloġġ u Tila* by Roberta Bajada, and the dystopian novel *Deformity* by Simon Bartolo

15:00 Writing for the young: a workshop // Merlin Publishers



In this workshop Leanne Ellul, the award-winning author of *Gamma*, will address important issues in the writing of novels for young adults: what makes a YA novel tick? Are there any no-gos for YAs? How explicit is too explicit for YA?

15:50 Getting published in Malta and the editorial process // Merlin Publishers



Antoinette Borg and Matthew Schembri, both winners of the 2016 Literary Contest – Novels for Youth, will share their experience of the process of getting one's work published locally. The discussion will be led by Chris Gruppetta

16:45 Youth Culture and Literature: a panel discussion // NBC



Writers' discussion panel on writing for young readers: youth literacy, the problems of addressing youth issues without being patronising, the problem of using cultural referents that are prone to date quickly

18:00 Book Launch Events // Horizons



Book launch and signing of *Jarmuk* with Stephen Lughermo, and of *Damask* by Rita Saliba, both winners of the winner of the Literary Contest – Novels for Youth

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11:00 **Female Voices // Faraxa**



Poetry readings: Corrine Annette Zara reading unpublished poems; Linda Henry reading from *Gozo Gems*.

11:50 **A unique voice // NBC**



Poet Norbert Bugeja will be talking with Maria Grech Ganado, the winner of the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Literature, about her poetry and her work as a translator. There will be readings of poems by the author.

12:40 **A leading contemporary voice // Midsea Books**



Midsea presents award-winning poet Norbert Bugeja, who will be reading from his latest publication, *Nartiċi*.

15:00 **Music and poetry // NBC**



Prof. Michael Zammit will read his work *Għana 'l Hena*, a book-long poem in Maltese that was originally conceived to be read in one go. Members of the audience can acquire a free copy of the book and have it signed by the author.

15:50 **EU-literature prize laureate // NBC**



Award-winning renowned poet and novelist Immanuel Mifsud will be reading excerpts from his poetry books as well as unpublished poems.

16:40 **A life in poetry // Horizons**



Prof. Kenneth Wain will be reading poems from his poetry publication *Who Looks at the Sun Anymore*, published by Horizons this year.

18:00 **Celebrating Gozo's poet: Gorg Pisani // NBC**



Discussion panel with Notary Paul Borg Pisani, the late poet's son, Dr Joe Zammit Ciantar and Joe Camilleri, with the participation of Maria Grech Ganado, Michael Zammit, Norbert Bugeja, Immanuel Mifsud, Kenneth Wain. The discussion will be followed by a reading session of Gorg Pisani's poetry.

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