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THE MALTA BOOK FESTIVAL '21

THE
BOOKSHOP

PROGRAMME
OF EVENTS

3-7 November

Malta Fairs & Conventions
Centre (MFCC)





With its long list of participants from all sectors of the book industry and a cultural programme that features more than eighty major events in book launches, book presentations, dramatic performances, workshops and conferences, **the Malta Book Festival** is the largest and most extensive celebration of the book culture in Malta.



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People from all walks of life, young and old, eagerly await the Festival, which always takes place in November (this year, from 3–7 November) at the Malta Fairs & Conventions Centre (MFCC).

For five days, publishers, booksellers and authors gather under one roof to make the most of this unique opportunity to promote and sell their books to the public. In addition to local talent, the Festival also features interventions by foreign guests, including big names in the international literary scene.



TUESDAY — 2

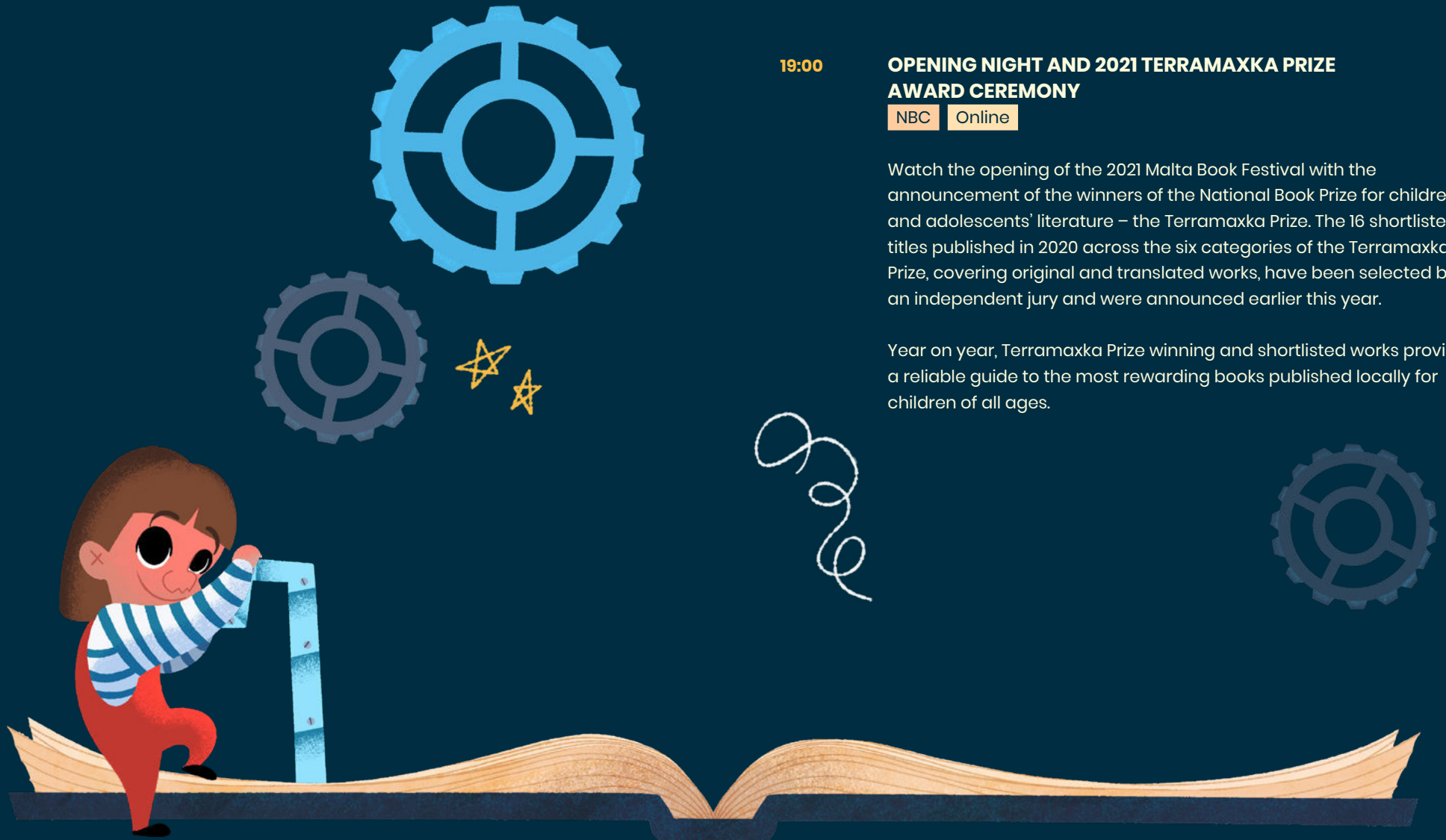
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OPENING NIGHT AND 2021 TERRAMAXKA PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY

NBC Online

Watch the opening of the 2021 Malta Book Festival with the announcement of the winners of the National Book Prize for children's and adolescents' literature – the Terramaxka Prize. The 16 shortlisted titles published in 2020 across the six categories of the Terramaxka Prize, covering original and translated works, have been selected by an independent jury and were announced earlier this year.

Year on year, Terramaxka Prize winning and shortlisted works provide a reliable guide to the most rewarding books published locally for children of all ages.



WEDNESDAY — 3

9:30–10:30 QUIZ SHOW: BOOKS ARE WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS

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Miller South Hall

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10:30–12:00 BOOK LAUNCHES: TEATRU MALTA PUBLICATIONS

Teatru Malta North Hall 2

Teatru Malta will be launching six new publications under two separate series titles. *Proġett Klassiċi* will cover the works of canonical playwrights such as Ionesco, Pinter, Rame and Fo, all translated into Maltese, while *Programm Kitba Ġdida* will give a platform to three of Teatru Malta's star projects, namely 'Raymond', 'Fight', 'Beck', 'VII' and 'L-Interrogazzjoni'. This event will be moderated by the Artistic Director of Teatru Malta Sean Buhagiar and includes the participation of Mireille Estelle Camilleri, Dr Marco Galea, Simon Bartolo, Alfred Buttigieg and Andrè Mangion.



17:30–18:30 BOOK PRESENTATION: IL BOSCAIOLO (ALGRA EDITORE)

Istituto Italiano Di Cultura South Hall

A presentation of the book *Il boscaiolo* (Algra Editore) by Paola Marchese, followed by a discussion with the author and the director of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Serena Alessi.

18:00–19:00 BOOK LAUNCH: STORJA TAL-ILSIEN U L-LETTERATURA MALTIJA - KRONOLOĠIJA

Akkademja Tal-Malti / Heritage Malta North Hall 1

Storja tal-Ilsien u l-Letteratura Maltija - Kronoloġija by Dr Mario Cassar is a joint publication between Heritage Malta and L-Akkademja tal-Malti. It first appeared with this title as a publication of the Għaqda tal-Malti - Università in 2002. Dr Cassar continued to gather information and this publication will be a comprehensive compendium related to the history of the Maltese language and literature - a collection of events, publications and biographical notes listed in chronological order. Prof. Joseph M. Brincat and Dr. Olvin Vella will be participating in a discussion moderated by Godwin Vella.



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19:00–20:00 BOOK LAUNCH: THE MALTESE LEGAL SYSTEM

Malta University Press South Hall

The launch of part B of volume II of *The Maltese Legal System* – a definitive and comprehensive collection on the Maltese legal system. Join eminent legal scholars Prof. Ivan Mifsud, Prof. Kevin Aquilina and Malta University Press for the launch of this landmark publication.

19:30–21:00 IRVINE WELSH: OF LITERATURE AND DJ SETS

NBC South Theatre

Irvine Welsh, the master author of dark, gritty, seedy no-nonsense 'say it like it is' Scottish culture novelist, and special guest of the 2021 Malta Book Festival, will be sitting down for an extended interview discussing his life and works with Wayne Flask, the author of Maltese political satires. Don't forget to book your seat on showshappening.com.

This event will be followed by a book signing session.

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17:00–17:45 BOOK PRESENTATION: *KÒSHARI. RACCONTI ARABI E MALTESI*

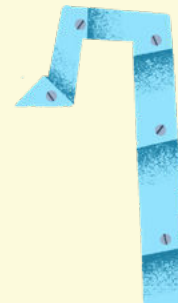
Istituto Italiano Di Cultura North Hall 1

A book presentation of *Kòshari. Racconti arabi e maltesi* (Progedit) featuring excerpts by Clare Azzopardi, Oliver Friggieri, Adrian Grima and Trevor Żahra, translated into Italian and edited by Aldo Nicosia. The book presentation will be followed by a discussion with Aldo Nicosia, Irene Chias, and the director of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura Serena Alessi.

18:00–19:00 IS IT CHUIZ OR KWIZZ?

Ġhaqda tal-Malti Università North Hall 2

In this activity, Ġhaqda tal-Malti – Università will provide a brief introduction to the history of Maltese orthography, followed by a quiz about older forms of written Maltese. Teams of two participants will be asked about old Maltese orthography and have to beat the clock rewriting older texts in modern orthography. The public is invited to watch and support the teams in real time.



18:00–19:00 L-ISFIDA MSELLA

San Anton School & NBC North Hall 1

This year San Anton School launched an exciting reading challenge, L-Isfida Msella. Students read three books in Maltese in three months and worked on related tasks, such as creating posters, creative writing projects and book trailers. During this event, the participants will each be presented with an award for successfully completing the challenge.

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19:00–20:00 BOOK LAUNCH: WORKING LIFE AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF MALTA

Malta University Press South Hall

Living memory has witnessed the unparalleled transformation of the 'workspace' of the Maltese Islands. The edited volume *Working Life and the Transformation of Malta* documents and critiques this transformation in fascinating detail from 1960 to current times, with contributions from the fields of history, sociology, human resources and more. Join volume editors Dr Manuel Debono and Prof. Godfrey Baldacchino for the launch, as well as to pay tribute to Prof. Edward Zammit, whose work helped to form, and shed light on this dynamic period.

19:15–20:00 INFORMATION SESSION: WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Creative Europe Desk Malta North Hall 1

An informative session about the Creative Europe Programme led by Joseph Lia, Head of Culture of the Creative Europe Desk Malta.



19:30–21:00 LITERARY EXCHANGES: IRVINE WELSH AND IMMANUEL MIFSUD IN CONVERSATION (MOD. MARK VELLA)

NBC South Theatre

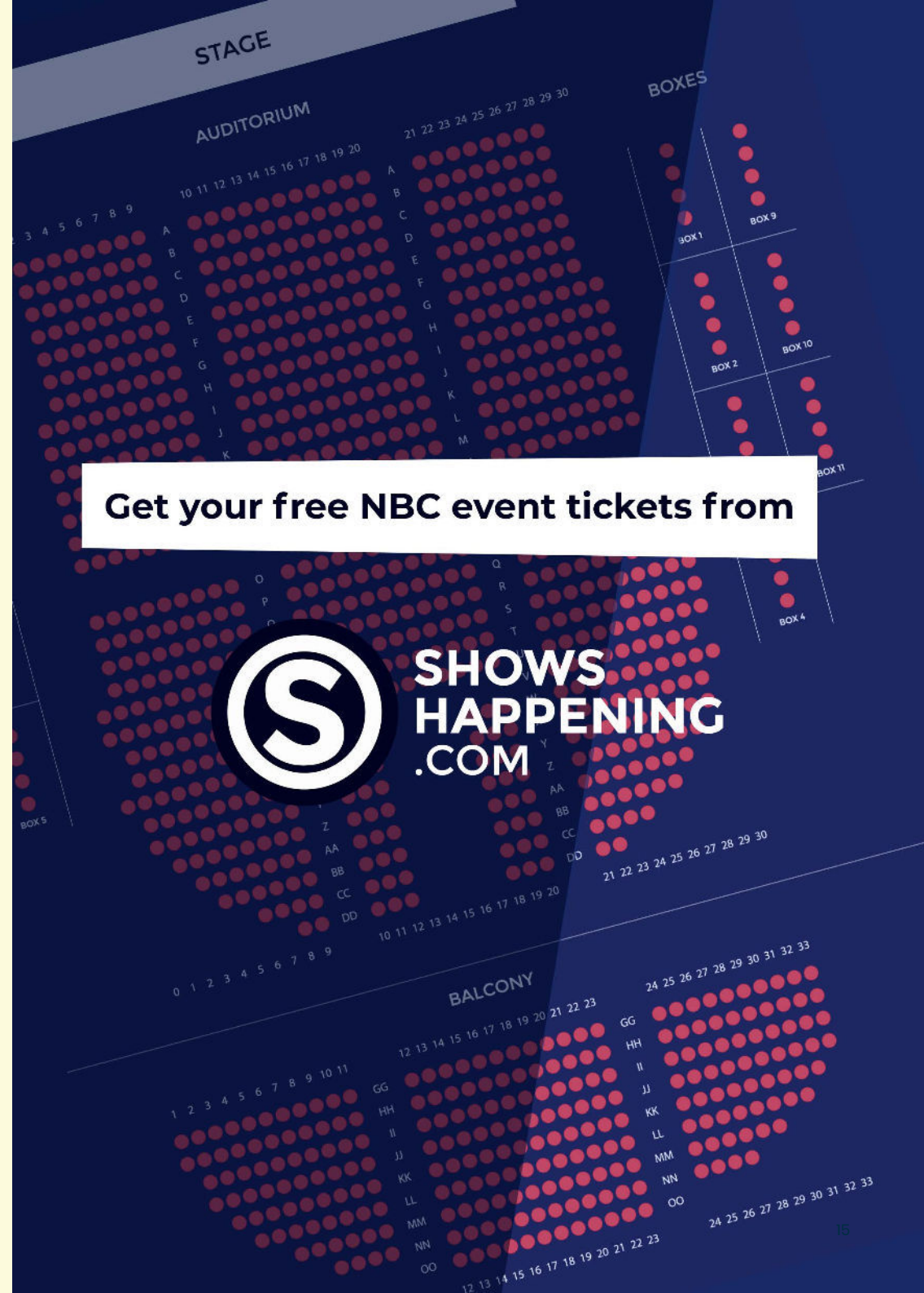
The works of few authors influenced Maltese publishing at the turn of millennium as much as Irvine Welsh's early publications. Seeking to push the boundaries of Maltese literature in the early noughties, fledgling new publishing house Minima gave a voice to a new generation of uninhibited young writers including Ġuże Stagno and Immanuel Mifsud.

In an exchange moderated by Mark Vella, Mifsud will be joining the celebrated author of *Trainspotting* to discuss, among other things, the global reach of Welsh's literature.

20:15–21:15 BOOK LAUNCH: VARJAZZJONIJET TAS-SKIET BY NADIA MIFSUD

EDE Books North Hall 1

Varjazzjonijiet tas-Skiet is Nadia Mifsud's third poetry collection and also her first publication with EDE Books. Apart from reading some of the poems from the book, Nadia Mifsud will be discussing with Glen Calleja and Marco Scerri the different stages involved in the making of this publication, from the actual writing process to questions revolving around book design and book binding. This event will be moderated by Kenneth Scicluna.



FRIDAY — 5

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17:00–18:00 BOOK LAUNCH: *IL-FORMA TAL-ILMA* (*LA FORMA DELL'ACQUA*, ANDREA CAMILLERI)

Istituto Italiano Di Cultura / Merlin Publishers South Hall

For the launch of the Maltese translation of the first of Andrea Camilleri's novels in the Inspector Montalbano series, the Istituto Italiano di Cultura together with Merlin Publishers will be hosting a discussion with the translator, Antoinette Borg, and author of Maltese language detective novels John A. Bonello.

17:00–17:45 BOOK PRESENTATION: *WHERE WILD ORCHIDS GROW* BY JOHAN SIGGESSON

Marvellous Malta North Hall 1

Professional wildlife photographer Johan Siggesson tells the story of how the first book in a new collectable series became a reality. We will hear of how the pandemic forced him to exchange thrilling adventures with gorillas and lions for the tiny orchids of Malta, and how he came to love it. This photography book showcases wild Maltese orchids like you've never seen them before.

17:30–18:30 BOOK LAUNCH: *THE EXODUS OF THE STORKS* (*L-EŻODU TAĊ-ĊIKONJI*, WALID NABHAN)

Peter Owen Publishers & NBC North Hall 2

With the support of the National Book Council, Peter Owen Publishers are launching *The Exodus of the Storks*, the first English translation of Walid Nabhan's *L-Eżodu taċ-Ċikonji* (2013). Managing Director at Peter Owen Publishers Nick Kent will be presenting Albert Gatt's translation of the 2017 European Union Prize for Literature winning novel together with the author Walid Nabhan.



18:00–19:00 JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF MAKKJETT'GHANA

Għaqda Tal-Malti – Università North Hall 1

Local artists present pieces from two different types of Maltese folk music: the *makkjetta* and the *ghana la Bormliża*. Għaqda tal-Malti – Università has invited a guest speaker to share the history of the makkjetta and some of its most salient characteristics with the audience.

18:00–19:00 BOOK READING AND SIGNING: THE PATH TO REDEMPTION BY STEPHEN MANGION

Miller South Hall

Author Stephen Mangion will be reading from his book *The Path to Redemption*. Following the reading there will be a book signing session.

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19:00–20:00 BOOK PRESENTATION: REQUIEM PER UN FASCISTA MALTESE (REQUIEM FOR A MALTA FASCIST, FRANCIS EBEJER)

Istituto Italiano Di Cultura & Bonferraro South Hall

Book presentation of the Italian edition of Francis Ebejer's novel, *Requiem per un fascista Maltese* (Bonferraro Editore), followed by a discussion with Damian Ebejer, Marco Galea, Salvo Bonferraro and director of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura Serena Alessi.

19:00–20:00 THE 2021 DOREEN MICALLEF NATIONAL POETRY CONTEST: AWARDS CEREMONY

NBC North Hall 2

Join us for the announcement of this year's winners and readings by the winning poets of the Doreen Micallef National Poetry Contest. Now in its third edition, the prestigious Contest was first launched by the National Book Council in 2019 with the aim of further raising the profile of poetry in Malta and honouring the best poetry written in Maltese.

19:15–20:00 BOOK LAUNCH OF 8 NEW BOOKS

Horizons South Theatre

Id-dar tal-pubblikazzjoni Horizons se tkun qed triedi tmien kotba f' serata memorabbli fil-preżenza tal-awturi Ben Agius (*Iben il-Quisling*), Helen Borg (*Għal Dejjem u Ftit*), Michael Cini (*Il-Falfa tad-Destin*), Stephen Lughermo (*Ċelel bla Fitan*), Jacqueline Mizzi (*Noti Blu*), Ġoġ Peresso (*L-Aħħar Warda*), Salv Sammut (*Trilogija: Waqtiet, Attentat and Lady M*), u Vincent Vella (*Inside the Horse*).



20:00–20:45 STAND-UP PERFORMANCE BY RON BRIFFA

Kite Group North Hall 1

Xenati minn fuq il-Palk, Ċajt ta' wara l-Kwinti is a collection of funny, comical and humorous incidents that happened to veteran and not so veteran actors. The actors who feature in this book include Ġemma Portelli, Charles Thake, Karmen Azzopardi and George Portelli and they all have a story to tell. Ron Briffa will perform and share a number of these anecdotes which so far have remained under wraps.

20:15–21:15 RECTORS IN CONVERSATION – DOCUMENTING THE LEGACY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

Malta University Press North Hall 2

2020 marked the 250th anniversary of the University of Malta. Ahead of this, Malta University Press published research documenting the University's rich history, including a biography of the University's first rector, Roberto Ranieri Costaguti, and *Legacies & Bearings*, a lavishly illustrated collection of essays each examining aspects of the University's place in Maltese society and beyond. Extending these celebrations, MUP is bringing together Rectors past and present, as well as eminent historians, in conversation about the legacy of the University of Malta.

20:30–21:30 THE DOOR'S ALWAYS AJAR: A TRIBUTE TO PROF. OLIVER FRIGGIERI

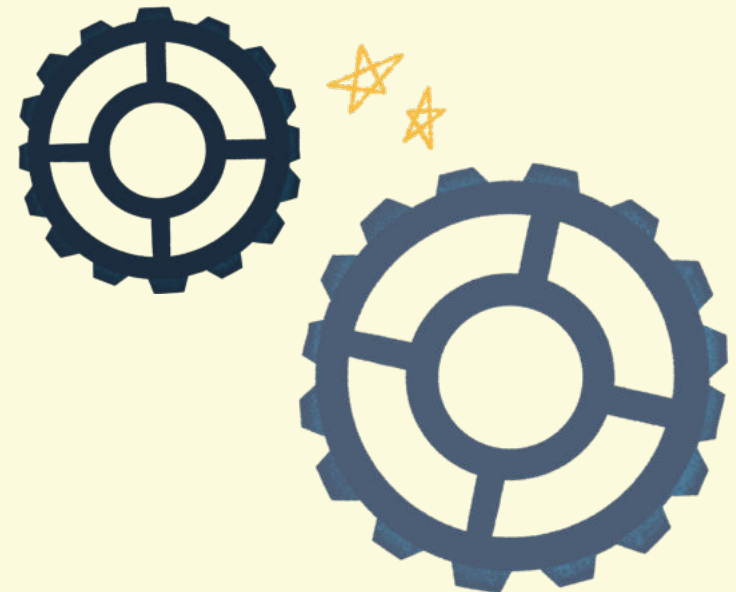
NBC South Theatre

One year since the passing of Prof. Oliver Friggieri, poet Simone Galea moderates a panel discussion celebrating the life of the influential person, poet, novelist, thinker, scholar, and teacher. Galea will be joined by Sara Brincat Friggieri, Joseph Mizzi (Klabb Kotba Maltin), Prof. Joe Friggieri and Gabriel Lia, who will also be showing an excerpt from the theatrical piece *249: Il-Kobor u l-Umiltà tal-Prof. Oliver Friggieri*.

20:00–21:00 BOOK LAUNCH: STRANGERS I'LL NEVER FORGET BY MJ CAMILLERI

EDE Books South Hall

Strangers I'll Never Forget is a quirky and accessible collection of short creative non-fiction narratives, as told by debut author MJ Camilleri. Through stories which span three decades, Camilleri introduces readers to a wide variety of characters and situations – some comical, some near-horrific – but all of which he's lived first-hand, and which he retells with the ease of a seasoned raconteur. MJ Camilleri will be in conversation with Thomas Camilleri. The event will be moderated by Teodor Reljic.



FILM SCREENING AT THE SOUTH THEATRE ON SATURDAY AT 5:30PM

SATURDAY — 6

10:00–12:00 STORIES, GAMES, AND CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN

Faraxa Publishing North Hall 2

In collaboration with Żebbug Learning Studio, Faraxa Publishing is excited to invite children and parents/guardians to discover the pleasure of storytelling with fun activities including games and crafts, which enhance comprehension and ignite a love for learning.

10:30–12:30 PRESIDENT GEORGE VELLA BOOK SIGNING OF *TISJIR MILL-QALB*

Miller South Theatre

Book signing activity with President George Vella and Ms Vella for the publication of *Tisjir mill-Qalb* in aid of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.

10:30–11:15 READINGS BY AUNTY SAB FOR CHILDREN AGED 3–6

Merlin Publishers South Hall

Event led by Aunty Sab for children aged 3-6. Meet Bow, a character who empowers children to explore and share their feelings showing young ones that experiencing different emotions is something we all go through constantly. In this story Bow experiences eight different feelings in one day and shares how different situations trigger different emotions. Book for this event on info@merlinpublishers.com.

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10:30–11:30 **BOOK PRESENTATION: SWEET MALTESE MOMENTS BY PAUL FENECH**

Midsea Books North Hall 1

Cookbook author Paul Fenech will be presenting his new book *Sweet Maltese Moments* followed by a book signing session and an opportunity for audiences to meet the author.



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12:00–13:00 **EUPL WINNERS OVER THE YEARS**

Creative Europe Desk Malta North Hall 1

This discussion brings together Maltese winning authors of the European Union Prize for Literature (EUPL) to discuss their books and narratives, and how the EUPL helped in expanding their audiences. The EUPL aims at putting the spotlight on the wealth of Europe's contemporary literature and promoting the circulation of literature within Europe. To this date the EUPL winning authors from Malta have been Immanuel Mifsud (2011), Pierre J. Mejlak (2014), Walid Nabhan (2017) and Lara Calleja (2021).

13:00–14:00 **READINGS FROM EUPL WINNERS: KISSIRTU KULLIMKIEN**

Creative Europe Desk Malta North Hall 1

Lara Calleja is the European Union Prize for Literature (EUPL) winner of 2021. During this event, well-known actors will be reading some of the various short stories from the collection *Kissirtu Kullimkien* (Merlin Publishers, 2020).

13:00–15:00 **PLAY: PITO U PITA**

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14:30–15:30 **TREASURE TROVES OF MALTESE HISTORY**

Malta University Press North Hall 1

Winner of the 2020 Malta Book Prize, *The Joannes Gennadius Maltese Treasure Trove in Athens*, edited by Arnold Cassola, is a beautifully illustrated volume featuring paintings, engravings and photographs of 19th century Malta held in the Gennadius Library in Athens. Meet the authors at this discussion and book signing to learn about their process in discovering and documenting this fascinating collection.





15:00–15:45 PRIZE CEREMONY: GERMAN-LANGUAGE WRITING COMPETITION ‘CITY DREAMS’ (STADT-TRÄUME)

German Maltese Circle / Department Of German, UOM North Hall 2

The winners of the German-language competition ‘City Dreams’ (Stadt-Träume), launched in the context of the Malta Book Festival, will be invited to this prize-awarding ceremony moderated by Dr Kathrin Schödel.

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16:00–17:00 BOOK PRESENTATION: WITH ALL DUE RESPECT BY JEFFREY PULLICINO ORLANDO

Miller North Hall 1

Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando will be presenting his recently published political memoir *With All Due Respect* (Choppy Books, 2021). Written with a sharp wit, no one famous personality that has thus far featured in the author’s life, from Alfred Sant and Joseph Muscat to Fenech Adami and Lawrence Gonzi, avoids getting the feel of its steel. It is fun personified, hilarious in parts, highly entertaining and, at the most, provides excellent reading.



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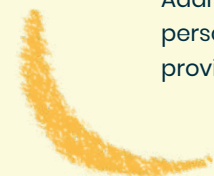
Praspar Press North Hall 2

Editors and co-founders of London-based Praspar Press Kat Storage and Jen Calleja will be presenting two new publications of Maltese literature in English and English translation, including their first anthology of contemporary Maltese fiction, poetry and essays *Scintillas: New Maltese Writing*. Joined by Lorraine Vella, they will also be discussing their upcoming translation of Vella’s short-story collection, *What Will it Take for Me to Leave*. Both publications have been supported by the National Book Council.

17:00–17:45 IL-FATAT KA FLANI: READINGS BY CLARE AZZOPARDI AND LEANNE ELLUL

Merlin Publishers South Hall

Event led by Clare Azzopardi and Leanne Ellul for children aged 6–9. Merlin Publishers have a ghost! Not a scary one, but friendly and full →



of mischief. His name – Kaĥlani. But before becoming a ghost, his name was Sigismondo Trapani, an opera singer from B'Kara who used to catch the train to Valletta to go to the Opera theatre. Come hear about his mischiefs and those of his other ghost friends. Book for this event on info@merlinpublishers.com.

17:30–18:30 BOOK SIGNING SESSION BY IRA LOSCO

Kiwi Publications North Hall 1

Ira Losco will be signing copies of the book *Small Island – Big Ambition*, a mini children's biography about the life of Ira Losco and how she got started in her music career, aimed at children of ages between 6-10.

18:00–19:00 *FASSARTEK*: A BOOK OF ERASURE POEMS

Matthew Schembri South Hall

Matthew Schembri speaks to Glen Calleja and Raphael Vella about the *Fassartek* project, which includes a publication of 231 poems created by the author himself through the partial erasure of his debut novel, *Stessi* (Winner of the Literary Contest for Novels for Youth 2016 and published by Merlin Publishers in 2018). An art exhibition that revolves around the *Fassartek* publication will take place at Studio Solipsis, in Rabat, Malta, in November, 2021. This project is supported by Arts Council Malta.

18:15–19:15 BOOK PRODUCTION SEMINAR

Gutenberg Press North Hall 2

Using the right paper can make or break your publication. It is important to understand the different types of paper, their specifications and how they perform against your artwork. This seminar will be a source of knowledge on the different types of paper available for book publishing. The guest speaker will be Mr Alessandro →



Nardelli, International Publishing Coordinator at Cartiere della Garda, Lecta Group SA, a partner of Gutenberg Press Ltd.

19:00–20:00 PRESENTATION OF THE TRILOGY: *IL VURRICATORE, AI CONFINI DELL'INFERNO, GLI STRATEGHI DEL MALE* BY I.M.D

Istituto Italiano Di Cultura South Hall

A presentation of the trilogy of novels by the author and anti-mafia police inspector I.M.D: *Il Vurricatore*, *Ai Confini dell'Inferno* and *Gli Strateghi del Male* (Edizioni Leima). Joining the author for this discussion will be the director of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura Serena Alessi.

19:30–20:30 MALTESE LITERATURE ACROSS CONTINENTS

NBC South Theatre

The National Book Council consistently seeks to bring Maltese literature to wider audiences by supporting the translations of major works and partnering with international publishers. This discussion brings together publishers Nick Kent (Peter Owen Publishers - UK), Kat Storace (Praspar Press - UK), Fatimah Abbas (Dar Noon Publishing - Egypt), and Angela Arce (Colmillio Blanco - Perù) to talk about the appeal of Maltese literature and its reception beyond Malta's shores.

19:30–20:30 CRYSTAL CLEAR? TRANSLATING POETRY

Inizjamed North Hall 2

An event inspired by the poems translated during the translation workshops organised over 15 years of editions of the Malta Mediterranean Literature Festival. Participants will be able to listen to some of the poems and discuss poetry translation with some of the workshops' guest translators.



20:00–21:00 BOOK PRESENTATION: ORGOGLIO SICILIANO (BONFIRRARO EDITORE)

Istituto Italiano Di Cultura & Bonferraro Editore South Hall

A presentation of the book by Nuccio Carrara *Orgoglio Siciliano, luci e ombre dell'Autonomia e dell'Anima siciliana* (Bonferraro Editore), followed by a discussion with the author, publisher Salvo Bonferraro, and director of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura Serena Alessi.

20:45–21:45 FILM SCREENING: TREVOR ŻAHRA – RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL BOOK PRIZE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

NBC South Theatre

The National Book Council will be paying tribute to the literary achievements of a household name of contemporary Maltese literature – Trevor Żahra. To celebrate the life and works of the recipient of the 2020 National Book Prize Lifetime Achievement Award, the NBC will be premiering a short documentary film about Żahra followed by a panel discussion with Richard Żahra, Chris Gruppetta, Leanne Ellul and Trevor Żahra himself. The film is produced by Motion Blur.



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9:30–10:30 READING SESSION BY RUTH FRENDO: L-ĠHOĠOL TAD-DEHEB AND ID-DINJA TAL-ORSINI

Miller South Hall

During this book reading session, popular children's writer and television personality Ruth Frendo will be reading from the *L-Ġhoġol tad-Deheb* series and *Id-Dinja tal-Orsini*, which feature augmented reality (AR). These interactive books were published with the support of the National Literacy Agency and the Ministry for Education and will be available at a discounted price.

10:00–11:00 BOOK PRESENTATION: WITH ALL DUE RESPECT BY JEFFREY PULLICINO ORLANDO

Miller North Hall 1

Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando will be presenting his recently published political memoir *With All Due Respect* (Choppy Books, 2021). Written with a sharp wit, no one famous personality that has thus far featured in the author's life, from Alfred Sant and Joseph Muscat to Fenech Adami and Lawrence Gonzi, avoids getting the feel of its steel. It is fun personified, hilarious in parts, highly entertaining and, at the most, provides excellent reading.



10:00–12:00 PRESIDENT GEORGE VELLA BOOK SIGNING OF TISJIR MILL-QALB

Miller South Theatre

Book signing activity with President George Vella and Mrs Vella for the publication of *Tisjir mil-Qalb* in aid of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.

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10:30–11:15 LUPU LUPETTU AND FRIENDS OLD AND NEW

Merlin Publishers South Hall

Event led by Clare Azzopardi for children aged 5–8. We're throwing a reading party with the most popular wolf – Lupu lupettu! He is bringing along his new friends Akiko, Lenard, Mustaċċi, and Kaptan Fsied, and his older ones Ġojjell, Kukku, Serafin u Ġakki. Will you be joining us? Book for this event on info@merlinpublishers.com.

11:30–13:30 PLAY: PITO U PITA

Horizons South Hall



'Pito u Pita' is a 20-minute play based on the story written by Daniela Zerafa and illustrated by Matt Stroud. It revolves around the time when an owl called Muki fosters two robins called Pito and Pita focusing on the themes of love, diversity, and equality. This play is a fantasy-based performance suitable for the general public followed by a short discussion with the author.

11:30–12:30 BOOK PRESENTATION: SWEET MALTESE MOMENTS BY PAUL FENECH

Midsea Books North Hall 1

Cookbook author Paul Fenech will be presenting his new book *Sweet Maltese Moments* followed by a book signing session and opportunity for audiences to meet the author.



12:30–13:30 INFO SESSION: WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Creative Europe Desk Malta North Hall 1

An informative session about the Creative Europe Programme led by Head of Culture of the Creative Europe Desk Malta Joseph Lia. Creative Europe is the European Commission's flagship programme to support the culture and audiovisual sectors.

13:30–14:30 BOOK SIGNING: SLIEMA WIVES: THE NEW BREED BY GERARD JAMES BORG

Midsea Books South Hall

Author of popular glamour novels, Gerard James Borg will be signing his latest book in the series *Sliema Wives – The New Breed* and meeting the public.



14:00–15:00 'DO PUPPETS TALK?' – PUPPET SHOW

Merlin Library North Hall 1

A puppet show with animated book reading for children 4–8 years written by Mandy Tabone and animated by Shawn Briffa. Pre-bookings through mail@merlinlibrary.com due to limited space and seating.

15:30–16:30 STORIES, GAMES, AND CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN

Faraxa Publishing North Hall 1

In collaboration with Żebbug Learning Studio, Faraxa Publishing is excited to invite children and parents/guardians to discover the pleasure of story-telling followed with fun activities including games and crafts which enhance comprehension and ignite a love for learning.

16:00–16:45 **'IR-RUMANZINI'**
Merlin Publishers South Hall

Activity led by Antoinette Borg and Lorraine Vella for children aged 7–9. A feast of new characters and adventures has landed at Merlin Publishers thanks to 9 brand new books in the Maltese language 'Rumanzini' series. There is something for everybody – whether you like pirates, ballerinas or you enjoy sci-fi. We invite you to join us and get lost in these adventures. See you there! Book for this event on info@merlinpublishers.com

16:30–17:30 **IL-KOTBA JIEĦDU L-ĦAJJA (BOOKS COME TO LIFE)**
Danusan South Theatre

DOUBLE SHOW

Who said reading can't be fun? A professional team of actors led by the charismatic duo DANUSAN will be producing a spectacular live theatre performance adapted from the 2021 Terramaxka Prize winning works, which will only be announced on the Festival's opening night. Daniel Chircop and Chrysander Agius will be animating the books in Maltese.

Children may join the fun with their families every afternoon during the Festival, with two special longer shows on the weekend. The shows will be free for the first time, all you need to do is book your seat on showshappening.com. And don't forget to use your student book voucher – for the first time valid to be used throughout the Festival.

17:00–17:45 **BOOK PRESENTATION: WHERE WILD ORCHIDS GROW BY JOHAN SIGGESSON**
Marvellous Malta South Hall

Professional wildlife photographer Johan Siggesson tells the story of how the first book in a new collectable series became a reality. We will hear of how the pandemic forced him to exchange thrilling →

adventures with gorillas and lions for the tiny orchids of Malta, and how he came to love it. This photography book showcases wild Maltese orchids like you've never seen them before.



17:00–18:00 **BOOK LAUNCH: THE 40TH EDITION OF LEHEN IL-MALTI**
Għaqda Tal-Malti – Università North Hall 1

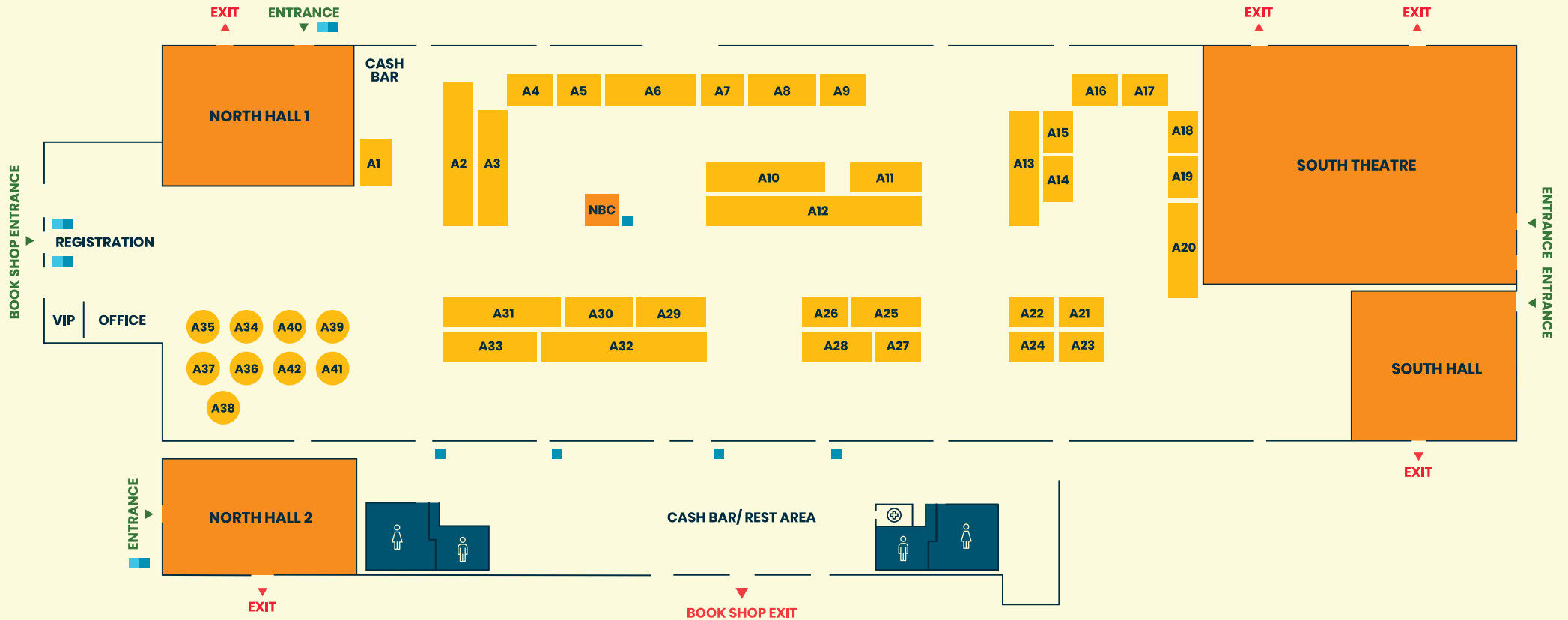
This year the Għaqda tal-Malti – Università launches the 40th edition of its annual publication with a varied programme. In addition to readings from various contributions in the journal, local musicians and actors will perform at this event dedicated to Professor Oliver Friggieri.

17:30–20:00 **FILM SCREENING: IS-SRIEP REĠĠĦU SARU VELENUŻI**
NBC South Theatre

Following its debut in local cinemas this summer, the Malta Book Festival will be hosting a free screening of *Is-Sriep ReġġĦu Saru Velenużi* introduced by Martin Bonnici, the film's director. The film is an adaptation of the 2021 prize-winning novel of the same name by Alex Vella Gera, and was produced with the support of the National Book Council's Film Adaptation Fund.

Ongoing **ADAPTATIONS, DOCUSERIES, READINGS: AUDIOVISUAL PRODUCTIONS**
NBC South Theatre

Visit the South Theatre Hall for scheduled screenings of some of the best audiovisual productions funded by the National Book Council over the past years. The productions range from a series of adapted short-films and documentaries, to interviews with local authors and animated readings of excerpts from prize-winning local literature which will certainly have you reaching for the book!



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Deer Publications is a small publishing house which has established itself in the particular yet popular niche of books related to lives of saints and their socio-cultural celebrations held locally with great pomp and enthusiasm. Its flagship publication is the festa encyclopaedia *Ilwien il-Festi Maltin* (each of the ten volumes include over 650 photographs taken by professional photographer and festa enthusiast Mark Micallef Perconte . →

The series editor is Andrew Borg who also re-introduced in the local book market lives of saints adapted for the young reader. Deer Publications latest project is a major publication of a collection of academic studies about St Joseph, for whom Pope Francis has declared 2021 as his special year.



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Dunstan Hamilton, author of over 35 books for children, the most popular being the *Xummiemu Stories* and *L-Avventuri ta' Xadina Brikkuna*, is back with a book for children in English this time round, *The Very Naughty Headmistress*. With over 50,000 copies of his books in circulation this latest publication shall be on sale together with many other Maltese and English titles by the author, with special offers during the festival.



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The objective of our organisation is to raise public awareness about the work of the National Archives, and the importance of preserving records of historical value.



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The German-Maltese Circle is a voluntary organisation founded on 18 October 1962 with the aim of “promoting closer understanding between Germany and Malta in all appropriate fields of activity and relationship, excluding political activities”. To this end, the Circle has been organising various activities since then along with German language courses for adults and schoolchildren.

The Department of German is part of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Malta. It offers the opportunity to study German in a range of courses: full-time undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses (BA Honours in German, BA General with German, MA and PhD in German), part-time language courses for all language levels (Certificate/Diploma in Language Proficiency), and part-time evening courses for the general public (Certificate/Diploma in German).



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The Għaqda tal-Malti - Università is a student organisation which strives to represent students of Maltese at post-secondary and tertiary levels, whilst offering a space for all individuals with a passion for Maltese to promote and safeguard the language, in different ways. Every year, the organisation launches its annual publication, *Lehen il-Malti*, at the Malta Book Festival.



**A25 HERITAGE MALTA PUBLISHING
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Heritage Malta is the national agency for museums, conservation and cultural heritage. It is appreciably active in the field of publishing as part of its education and outreach endeavours. The range of works produced includes exhibition catalogues, collected papers, conference proceedings, workbooks, project books, reading books and monographs. In autumn 2015 Heritage Malta also launched a bi-annual journal.

On 14 November 1920, the Għaqda tal-Kittieba tal-Malti was founded, and later became known as L-Akkademja tal-Malti. Its main purpose was to set an alphabet that would be used by all Maltese writers. The Akkademja tal-Malti is a member of the European Writers Council and takes part in the European Union Literary Prize every three years. The Akkademja tal-Malti works to promote the position of Maltese as a national language in all areas of life.



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Horizons is one of the leading book publishers on the island, winning numerous literary prizes in the different book categories. It has published well-known and established authors such as Mario Azzopardi, Charles Briffa, Lina Brockdorff, Victor Fenech, Charles Flores, Albert Marshall, Gorg Peresso, Giuseppe Schembri Bonaci and Vincent Vella, as well as introducing → upcoming authors such as Eman Bonnici, Edgar Formosa, Jacqueline Mizzi, Sergio Grech, Tyrone Grima, Stephen Lughermo, Justin Schembri and André Mangion.



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Inizjamed is a voluntary non-governmental cultural organisation founded in 1998 that is committed towards the regeneration of culture and artistic expression in the Maltese Islands and actively promotes a greater awareness of the cultures of the Mediterranean. Inizjamed is a project-based organisation whose lean internal structure reflects its emphasis on concrete action and fruitful collaboration with all those with whom it shares common goals.



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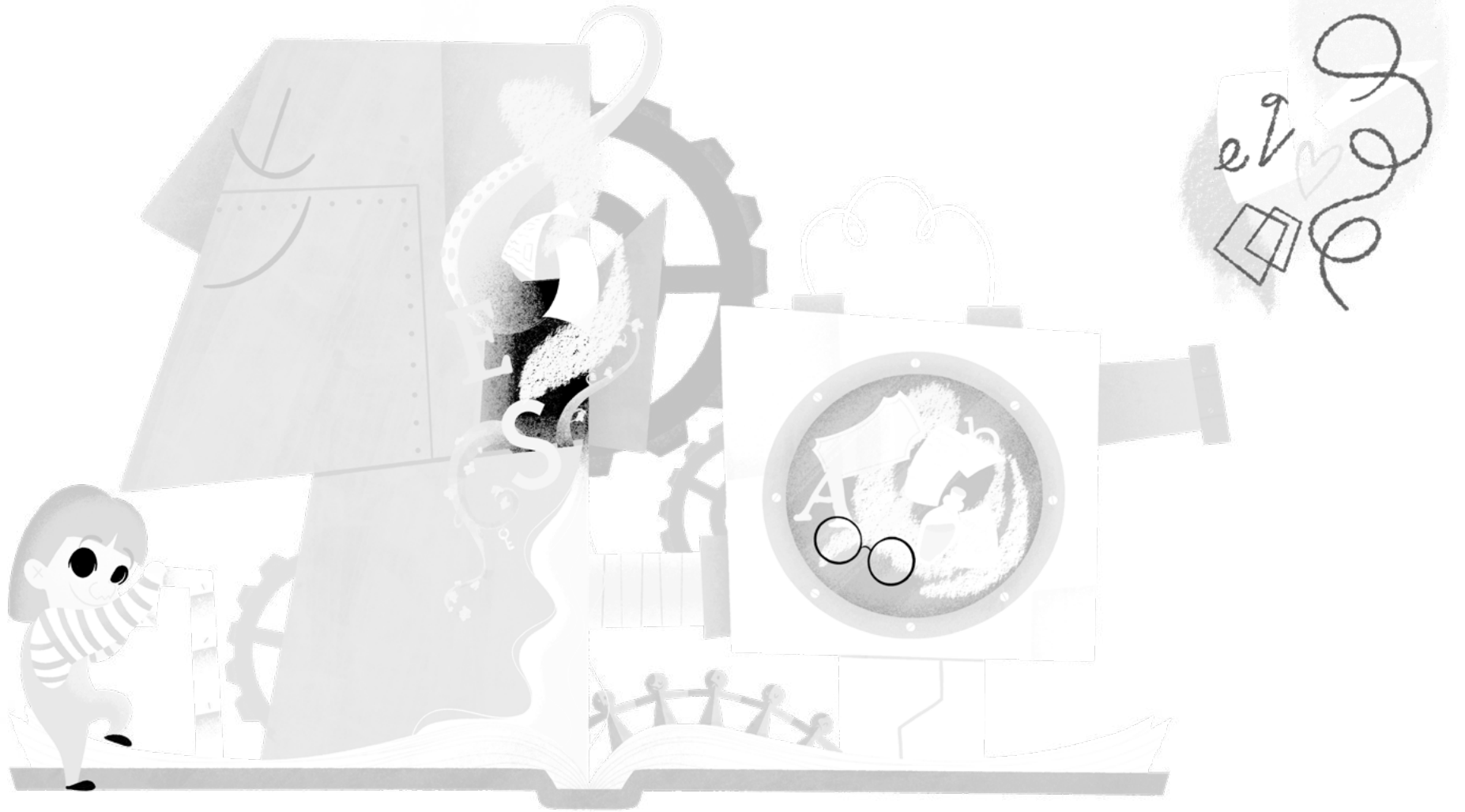

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