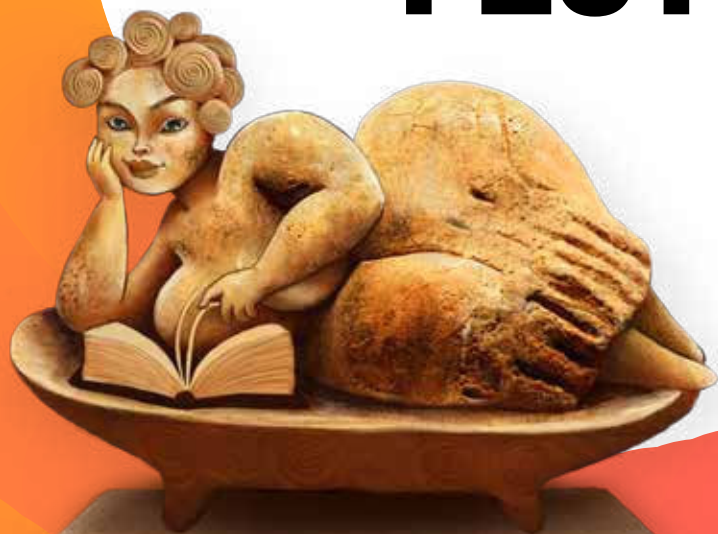


# THE MALTA BOOK FESTIVAL

PROGRAMME  
OF EVENTS



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7-11 NOVEMBER • 2018



**WITH ITS LONG LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE BOOK INDUSTRY AND A CULTURAL PROGRAMME THAT FEATURES MORE THAN FIFTY MAJOR EVENTS IN BOOK LAUNCHES, BOOK PRESENTATIONS, DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES, THE MALTA BOOK FESTIVAL IS WITHOUT DOUBT THE LARGEST AND MOST EXTENSIVE CELEBRATION OF THE BOOK CULTURE IN MALTA.**

People from all walks of life, young and old, eagerly await the Festival, which always takes place in the second week of November (this year, from 7–11 November) at the Mediterranean Conference Centre in Valletta. For five days, publishers, book sellers 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, some of whom are big names in the international literary scene.



# FIND YOUR WAY AROUND THE MALTA BOOK FESTIVAL AT MCC



## GROUND FLOOR

SACRA INFERMERIA HALL

AVC Publishers	Kite Group
BDL	Mellieha Local Council
CAK	Librerija Preca
Deer Publications	Librerija Tal-Bank Ċentrali ta' Malta
Ede Books	Malta Libraries
Faraxa Publishing	Merlin Publishers
French Embassy	MGRM
German-Maltese Circle /	Midsea Books Ltd   Klabb Kotba Maltin
Department Of German -	Milan Haluska
University of Malta	Miller Distributors Ltd
Ghaqda tal-Malti – Università	Miranda Publishers
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Istituto Italiano Di Cultura	Wise Owl Publications



## FIRST FLOOR

MA Grima Hall  
Vassalli Hall



## LOWER-GROUND FLOOR

LA VALLETTE HALL

Agenda Bookshop (Miller)  
Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat Malta  
The Bargain Box  
Birdlife Malta  
Bookends  
Bookmark  
Meli Bookshop  
Merlin Library  
Warehouse Booksales  
Café



**LOWER-GROUND FLOOR**

Near the café and the Activity Area

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Near the entrance and the Activity Area

# WEDNESDAY

7 NOVEMBER

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## 18:00 READING SESSION WITH CLARE AZZOPARDI

Writer Clare Azzopardi will lead a fun activity session for the Ċentru Leap children and will be reading from her book *Is-Shaħar ta' Petut*. — **Activity Area La Vallette Hall**

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## 18:30 TALK AND BOOK LAUNCH WITH FRANÇOIS BOURDON – PROBLEM OF THE ASSOCIATIVE MICRO-EDITION: LOCAL ANCHORING IN NORMANDY ( FRANCE) – FRENCH EMBASSY

Editions du Chameau was created in 2002 and already published 102 titles. It publishes 7 to 10 books yearly with a focus on art, poetry and more recently literature. After a short description of the specificities of associative micro-publishing, we will approach our experience of development in

Normandy (integration and influence) with an emphasis on the issue of distribution (stakes and bypasses) as well as our underlying economical model. — **MA Grima Hall**

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**19:00 'LITERATURE IN THE DIASPORA': A CONFERENCE**

The NBC presents the main conference of the festival 'Literature in the Diaspora' with the participation of four international and Maltese guests – Lou Drofenik, Nikola Petković, Vera Duarte, Philip Ó Ceallaigh. Journalist and writer Teodor Reljić will lead the discussion on the various nuances on how the realities of displacement are reflected in literature. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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IN SARRIA STREET, FLORIANA & MCC, VALLETTA

ON SATURDAY 10 & SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER

THE  
**MALTA BOOK  
FESTIVAL 2018**

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## 17:30 BOOK PRESENTATION - ITALIAN PUBLISHERS

*Arcani siciliani – Storie tra inganni e incanti* by Lucia La Macchia. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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## 17:30 PHILOSOPHY IN MALTESE - GĦADA TAL-MALTI

Philosophy in Maltese: a discussion with teacher of Ethics Elton Grech about philosophical concepts... in Maltese, obviously! — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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### 17:30 THE NBC PRESENTS: MEET NIKOLA PETKOVIĆ

Croatian author Nikola Petković will be talking to journalist Teodor Reljić about his work as a writer, literary critic, translator, screenwriter and scholar, focusing on his latest novel *How to Tie your Shoes*. — **Activity Area La Vallette Hall**

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### 18:00 BOOK SIGNING – FARAXA TRANSLATION SERIES

The editor of the series Prof. Toni Aquilina, together with other translators whose work forms part of the series, will be on the stand for book signing. Recent translations in the series are *Passjoni Semplici* by Annie Arnaud translated by Toni Aquilina, *Il-Metamorfosi* by Franz Kafka translated by Manwel Cutajar and *Jiena Malala* by Malala and Christina Lamb translated by Godwin Ellul. — **Faraxa Publishing stand**

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### 18:00 NATIONAL POETRY CONTEST MONS. AMANTE BUONTEMPO

Organized by the National Book Council in collaboration with Għaqda Poeti Maltin, this event will feature selected poetry readings. In addition, the winners of the Mons. Amante Buontempo National Poetry Contest 2018 will be announced. NBC chairman Mark Camilleri and the president of Għaqda Poeti Maltin, Jesmond Sharples, will address the audience. — **Vassalli Hall**

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### 18:00 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS

*Il Mediterraneo tra la Sicilia e il Medioriente* by Emilio Galvagno. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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### 18:00 & 19:00 READING CHAMPIONS AWARD CEREMONY

Awarding of year 8 students who are ardent readers, have improved their reading skills or have inspired their peers to read. This event is organised by the National Literacy Agency in collaboration with the National Book Council and the Department of Curriculum Management of the Ministry for Education and Employment. — **MA Grima Hall**

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*Oasi perdute* by Cristina Tornali. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**



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**18:30 THE NBC PRESENTS: MEET VERA DUARTE**

Caboverdian novelist and poet Vera Duarte will be discussing her novel *A Matriarca* and her poetry with Prof. Teresa Andrade. Throughout her career, Vera Duarte has been involved in various national and international organizations related to women's rights, culture and human rights. — **Activity Area La Vallette Hall**

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**18:45 CELEBRATING POETRY FROM THE MALTESE ISLANDS**

Malta celebrates its authors' poetry – an event focusing on the work of two well-known poets, Maria Grech Ganado and Gioele Galea, who have recently published their latest work. — **Vassalli Hall**

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**19:00 BOOK SIGNING SESSIONS – KITE GROUP**

*Enrico Dandria, Qassis, Politiku, Patrijott* by Max Farrugia, *Of Flesh and Blood* by Walid Nabhan (with Ray Agius), and *Walking in Circles* by Giulia Privitelli (with Steve Bonello – illustrator). — **Kite Group stand**

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**19:00 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*Paracelso nella storia della medicina* by Ignazio Vecchio. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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**19:30 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*Fervori municipali. Feste a Malta e Messina in età moderna* by Elina Gugliuzzu. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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**20:00 CELEBRATING VICTOR FENECH**

An event to honour last year's winner of the National Book Prize Lifetime Achievement Award, Victor Fenech. This is a unique opportunity for members of the public to get to meet the renowned author in person. There will be a panel discussion, selected readings, a screening of a film on Victor Fenech and a Q&A session with the audience. — **MA Grima Hall**

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**20:00 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*Il gioco delle ombre* by Aldo Biscardi. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

# FRIDAY

9 NOVEMBER

## 10:00 EVERY HOUR BOOK READINGS – CZECH AND SLOVAK LITERATURE FOR CHILDREN

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## 10:00 BINDING OF A NATIONAL LIBRARY MANUSCRIPT DEMO WITH MARCO MICALLEF

Situated in the centre of Valletta, the National Library is one of the major treasures of the Maltese Islands. It is a reference and research library preserving the memory of the nation with collections that span the centuries from medieval times to the digital age. As the guardian of the written memory of Malta for current and future generations, the National Library promotes research and makes its vast collections available to researchers and visitors alike. Join Marco Micallef (head of the Restoration Unit) on the Malta Libraries stand, for an intricate manuscript-binding demonstration and Q&A session – for Year 4 or upwards. — **Malta Libraries stand**

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**11:00 TRANSLATION SEMINAR WITH TIM PARKS**

British novelist, essayist and translator Tim Parks will be engaging in a conversation on translation with translation studies and English students, and the general public. Prof. Clare Vassallo and Prof. Ivan Callus from the University of Malta will be engaging in a discussion on the role of the author, the translator and the reader in the translation process. Tim Parks has translated works by Moravia, Calvino, Calasso, Tabucchi, Machiavelli and Leopardi, and runs a post-graduate course in translation at IULM University, Milan. — **Vassalli Hall**

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**17:30 THE NBC AND MGRM PRESENT: MEET MICHAEL AMHERST**

Writer Michael Amherst is the author of *Go Where your Blood Beats*, which questions the division of sexuality into straight and gay, in a timely exploration of the complex histories and psychologies of human desire. Michael will be interviewed by international activist and researcher Ruth Baldacchino. — **Activity Area La Vallette Hall**

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**18:45 NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS - MERLIN PUBLISHERS**

Activity for children. Ages 5-9 (on the Merlin Publishers' stand). Bookings on first-come first-served basis from [info@merlinpublishers.com](mailto:info@merlinpublishers.com). — **Merlin Publishers stand**

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**18:30 BOOK LAUNCH OF *JENA MALALA / I AM MALALA* - FARAXA PUBLISHING**

Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai, youngest 2014 Nobel Prize winner, co-authored the book *I am Malala* – the girl who stood up for education and was the target of an attack by the Taliban and was left for dead. Ms Lamb is one of Britain's leading foreign correspondents and bestselling author. The

book has now been translated into Maltese by Godwin Ellul and published by Faraxa Publishing with the collaboration of the National Literacy Agency and RSM. The aim of the book *Jiena Malala* is to deliver to the reader two fundamental principles: to encourage the reader to believe in the strength of an individual's voice to inspire change and the right to education for all the children in the world. — **Vassalli Hall**

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**18:30 THE NBC PRESENTS: MEET PHILIP Ò CEALLAIGH**

Irish writer and translator Philip Ò Ceallaigh will be engaging in a talk with Maria Frendo (University of Malta) about his career as a writer and translator away from his home country. Philip has published over forty stories, many of them collected in *Notes from a Turkish Whorehouse* – for which he was awarded the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature – and *The Pleasant Light of Day*. — **Activity Area La Vallette Hall**

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**18:30 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*Racconti per sognare* by Carla Abenante. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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**18:45 ĠOJJELL ID-DRAGUN LI JONFOH L-ILMA – MERLIN PUBLISHERS**

Activity led by Clare Azzopardi. Ages 5-8 (on the Merlin Publishers' stand). Bookings on first-come first-served basis from [info@merlinpublishers.com](mailto:info@merlinpublishers.com). — **Merlin Publishers stand**

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**19:00 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*Canti dell'aria, dell'acqua, della terra e del fuoco* by Francesca Spadaro. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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**19:30 IL-KOTBA JIEHĊU L-ĦAJJA – DANUSAN**

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### 19:45 MEET GODWIN ELLUL – FARAXA PUBLISHING

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### 20:00 THE NBC PRESENTS: MEET NAOMI KLEIN

World-renowned author and activist Naomi Klein will be talking with Matthew Vella about existential threats such as global warming, neoliberalist policies and disaster economics. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions or make comments at the end of the discussion. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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### 20:00 KTIEB U TAZZA NBID

Join us in raising a toast to some of the best authors who were published by Merlin Publishers in 2018. Get a sneak peek of some of the most exciting upcoming books, from a mix of established and debut authors. — **Merlin Publishers stand**

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### 20:00 TALK WITH CÉDRIC GRAS (PHOEBUS): TRAVEL AND ITS LITERATURE – FRENCH EMBASSY

What is voyage? Is it a rite of passage in our modern societies? A call of the sea heard by a few? A leisure more erudite than beach holidays? Cédric Gras travelled the world and lived in Former Soviet Union for more than ten years. From Antarctica to the Himalayas, from Greenland to the Andes he experienced voyage in every shape and form and by any means possible. From learning languages to mountaineering, by way of geography, his reasons to hit the road have been legion. He shows voyage as a way to see the world. — **MA Grima Hall**

# SATURDAY

10 NOVEMBER

## 9:30 MEET AUTHOR FLORINA SILVIO – FARAXA PUBLISHING

Florina Silvio will be on the stand to interact with the children and sign copies of her books – *The Tin and the Pin*. — **Faraxa Publishing stand**

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## 9:45 IL-ĠRANET TAL-ĠIMGĦA – MERLIN PUBLISHERS

Activity led by Marisa Khalifa. Ages 3-6 (on the Merlin Publishers' stand). Bookings on first-come first-served basis from [info@merlinpublishers.com](mailto:info@merlinpublishers.com). — **Merlin Publishers stand**

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## 10:00 AQRA MIEGHI/READ WITH ME

An 'Aqra Miegħi/Read with Me' two-hour storytelling session in English organised by the National Literacy Agency of the Ministry for Education and Employment. The session will include sharing of storybooks, singing of nursery rhymes and other fun activities for babies and toddlers up to the age of 3 years and their parents. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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Readings and talks on the theme of nature and story telling with different images that children can put into order to tell a story. How can nature (inspire creative writing)? — **Birdlife Malta stand**

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## 10:00 ANIMATED READING SESSION IN MALTESE LED BY DIANNE GIORDMAINA FOR AGES 0-3

It is never too early or too late to start reading to the young, and true to Malta Libraries' #starttheyoung mantra we're inviting all 0-3 year olds and their parents/guardians for an animated reading session led by the accomplished Dianne who reads, sings, acts and makes learning a fun experience for all ages. Dianne has tips for young parents/guardians with early-year reading dilemmas so join us and ask away! — **Malta Libraries stand**

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### 10:00 BOOK SIGNING SESSIONS – KITE GROUP

*Il-Gżira l-Bajda; Nismaghhom Jghidu* by Joe Friggieri, *Żelqiet Sportivi u Ċajt ieħor* by Mario Pisani (with Mark Schembri, illustrator). — **Kite Group stand**

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### 10:30 CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP – FARAXA PUBLISHING

Aunty Sab, author of *We're the new superheroes* hosts a powerful 30 minute workshop to show children that just like their new superheroes they too have inner strengths which give them the power to be bold and brave. The session will end with an exclusive reading of Aunty Sab's new book *Bedtime life-lessons for new superheroes*. Celebration vouchers will be given to all children attending. — **Faraxa stand**

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### 10:45 NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS – MERLIN PUBLISHERS

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### 11:00 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS

*Factories of Galleys. Mediterranean Arsenals in the Early Modern Age* by Elina Gugliuzzu. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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### 11:00 "WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE A HERO!" – A COLLABORATION BETWEEN MALTA LIBRARIES AND MALTA CLASSICS ASSOCIATION

Children aged between 7 and 10 are invited to a special challenge organised by the Malta Classics Association. The children will participate in a number of activities which will allow them to determine if they have what it takes to be a hero. The MCA is certain that quite a few heroes are ready to emerge from their homes! Hercules managed to overcome a lion. And you? Can you beat this challenge? — **Malta Libraries stand**

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**11:00 BOOK PRESENTATIONS - NATIONAL FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION MALTA**

Jacob, Luke and Orsu are characters in different stories who have something special in common. They all go through an adventurous journey to find a family where they can grow and develop. Come and meet them and get your book/s signed by the author/s. With authors Daniela Demicoli, Diane Farrugia, Stephen Lughermo and Sandra Hili Vassallo and illustrator Christopher Cardona. Ages 8-11. Parents also welcome. — **Activity Area La Vallette Hall**

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**11:45 MISSJONI: INSALVAW IL-PLANETA L-BLU - MERLIN PUBLISHERS**

Activity led by Dwayne Ellul. Ages 7-9 (on the Merlin Publishers' stand). Bookings on first-come first-served basis from [info@merlinpublishers.com](mailto:info@merlinpublishers.com). — **Merlin Publishers stand**

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**14:00 & 15:00 THE TOWN MUSICIANS OF BREMEN - GERMAN-MALTESE CIRCLE**

*The Town Musicians of Bremen* - A Fairy Tale Concert. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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**16:00 MEET THE AUTHORS - FARAXA PUBLISHING**

The authors Naila N (*The Giraffe's New Scarf*) and Chiara Battistelli (*The Thousand 'Whys' of Dino Ricciolino*) will be on the stand to talk about their books and also to sign copies. — **Faraxa stand**

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**16:00 ĠANNI J'ZUR PARIĠI - MERLIN PUBLISHERS**

Activity led by Sherise Zammit. Ages 3-6 (on the Merlin Publishers' stand). Bookings on first-come first-served basis from [info@merlinpublishers.com](mailto:info@merlinpublishers.com). — **Merlin Publishers stand**

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**16:30 BOOK SIGNING WITH NAOMI KLEIN**

Book signing event with world-renowned and activist Naomi Klein. — **Activity Area La Vallette Hall**

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**16:30 BOOK PRESENTATION - ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*Storie di lucida follia* by Antonella Biscardi. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**



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**17:00 THE NBC PRESENTS: MEET TIM PARKS**

Novelist, essayist and translator Tim Parks is based in Milan. He is the author of eighteen novels. Prof. Ivan Callus will lead an interview on his latest fiction (*In Extremis*) and non-fiction (*Out of my Head*) work. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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**17:30 MEET DANIELA DEMICOLI – MERLIN LIBRARY**

Daniela Demicoli - Meet the author session, storytelling from author's books and book signing. — **Activity Area La Vallette Hall**

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**17:30 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*BARToletti - Così ho digerito Facebook* by Marino Bartoletti. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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**18:00 BETWEEN AUTHOR AND READER – GHAQDA TAL-MALTI – UNIVERSITÀ**

Authors need readers, so for this activity they need to choose and bring one with them. The reader will be invited to talk and discuss with the author about how the book affected him and what feelings it arose in them. The writers chosen for this activity are new authors that are going to have a direct experience with the Reader's Critical Response. — **Vassalli Hall**

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**18:45 MEET AUTHORS ANTOINETTE BORG AND MATTHEW SCHEMBRI – MERLIN PUBLISHERS**

Meet the winners of the Young Adult Literature Competition organised by Aġenzija Żgħażaġh and the National Book Council. Ages 13+ (on the Merlin Publishers' stand). Bookings on first-come first-served basis from info@merlinpublishers.com. — **Merlin Publishers stand**

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### 19:00 THE MURDER OF DAPHNE CARUANA GALIZIA: ONE YEAR ON

Daphne Caruana Galizia, the well-known journalist and blogger, was murdered in a car-bomb explosion on 16 October 2017. The popularity of Daphne's news and commentary blog earned her the reputation of one of Malta's most widely-read and influential writers. The discussion led by James Debono will look into the legacy of Daphne, her work and the controversies surrounding her. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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### 19:00 BOOK SIGNING SESSIONS – KITE GROUP

*Ġustizzja bi Tbissima* by Tonio Borg (with Mark Schembri, illustrator), *Staircases of Malta* by Conrad Thake (with Charles Paul Azzopardi (photographer/artist), *The Official Colours of War, Recording WW II in Malta* by Caroline Miggiani, *No Man's Land, People, Place, Pollution* by Marie Briguglio (with Steve Bonello, illustrator), and *Walking in Circles* by Giulia Privitelli (with Steve Bonello (illustrator)). — **Kite Group stand**

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### 19:15 BOOK LAUNCH – HORIZONS

John Portelli will meet the public and sign copies of his new book *Kulħadd barra Fajža*, which will be launched during this event. — **MA Grima Hall**

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### 19:15 TALK AND BOOK LAUNCH – GERMAN-MALTESE CIRCLE / UOM - DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN (UOM)

*The Sword and the Budoir. Mistresses, Concubinage and the Knights of Malta* – Talk by Dr Thomas Freller and book launch. — **Vassalli Hall**

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**20:30 THE NBC PRESENTS: CAMILLA - SHORT FILM PREMIERE**

This year's winner of the 'NBC Short-Film Literary Contest' is Shadeena, who adapted Clare Azzopardi's short story *Camilla* from the collection of short stories *Kulhadd Halla Isem Warajh* (Merlin Publishers, 2017). The event, which is open to all free of charge, will present the audience with the opportunity to meet the film director, the author and others in a discussion about literary adaptation into film. The event is set up by the NBC in collaboration with Merlin Publishers. — **MA Grima Hall**



# SUNDAY

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## 9:00 LUPU LUPETTU MDEJJAQ JEW FERHAN? – MERLIN PUBLISHERS

With Clare Azzopardi. Ages 5-8 (on the Merlin Publishers' stand). Bookings on first-come first-served basis from [info@merlinpublishers.com](mailto:info@merlinpublishers.com). — **Merlin Publishers stand**

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## 10:00 BOOK SIGNING SESSIONS – KITE GROUP

*Il-Gżira l-Bajda; Nismaghhom Jghidu* by Joe Friggieri, *Staircases of Malta* by Conrad Thake (with Charles Paul Azzopardi - photographer/artist), *The Official Colours of War, Recording WW II in Malta* by Caroline Miggiani. — **Kite Group stand**

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## 10:00 ONGOING STORY TELLING – BIRDLIFE MALTA

Readings and talks on the theme of nature and story telling with different images that children can put into order to tell a story. How can nature (inspire creative writing? — **Birdlife Malta stand**

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## 10:00 NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS – MERLIN PUBLISHERS

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## 10:00 EVERY HOUR BOOK READINGS – CZECH AND SLOVAK LITERATURE FOR CHILDREN

Mole and other stories from the books of Czech and Slovak authors published in English. Children literature is very strong in Central Europe and connects tightly the old traditions with modern lifestyle. This is why it is very catchy and popular around the world. The texts will be read by the members of Czech and Slovak community in Malta. — **Milan Haluska stand**

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## 10:00 & 11:00 THE TOWN MUSICIANS OF BREMEN - GERMAN-MALTESE CIRCLE

*The Town Musicians of Bremen* - A Fairy Tale Concert. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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**10:00 & 11:00 TIME FOR STORYTELLING AND SOME COLOURING ACTIVITIES – FARAXA PUBLISHING**

Come and meet the author Doris Schembri, who will be joining us for story time (*Biskuttinu*, *Censinu u Van Gogh* and *L-Istorja tal-Fantasija*) and a book signing session followed by colouring activities with the illustrator Ryan Galea. — **Faraxa stand**

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**11:00 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*Il maldestro cameriere di Malta* by Carlo Morrone. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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**11:00 MEET CHARLES CASHA – MERLIN LIBRARY**

Charles Casha - Meet the author session, storytelling from author's books and book signing. — **Activity Area La Vallette Hall**

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**12:00 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*L'arte di Marcel Mule*, *'Le patron du saxofone'* by Vincenzo Morello. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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**12:30 GHAQDA TAL-MALTI LAUNCHES LEHEN IL-MALTI**

The Ghaqda tal-Malti – Università will host the launch of the 37<sup>th</sup> edition of *Lehen il-Malti*, including several literary, linguistic, as well as historical writings. Some of the writers will also be present to read their work. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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**15:00 IL-KOTBA JIEĦDU L-ĦAJJA - DANUSAN**

For the first time ever during the National Book Festival, there is going to be a show by DANUSAN and other performers. The play 'Il-Kotba jieħdu l-ħajja' (Books come to life) will showcase the importance of reading, obviously in DANUSAN's own way. The activity will be held at Republic Hall. Buy your tickets from [www.showshappening.com](http://www.showshappening.com)

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**16:00 MEET AUTHOR JENNIFER SPAGNOL - FARAXA PUBLISHING**

Jennifer Spagnol will be on the stand to sign copies of her books – *L-Arloġġ tal-Passat*, *L-Arloġġ tal-Futur*, *Pittura Maġika*, *Pittura Maġika 2*, *Avventura Fi Żmien il-Milied*, *Erba' Frottiet* and *Lover Never Dies*. — **Faraxa stand**

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**16:00 IL-ĦANUT TAL-ĦELU – MERLIN PUBLISHERS**

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**16:30 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*Malta vista da un siciliano* by Silvio Aliffi. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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**17:00 BOOK SIGNING SESSIONS – KITE GROUP**

*Parallel Existences*, *The Notarial Archives*, *A Photographer Inspiration* by Joan Abela, Emanuel Buttigieg (eds.) (with Alex Attard, photographer/artist), *Chambers of Memory* by Richard England, *Żelqiet Sportivi u Ċajt ieħor* by Mario Pisani (with Mark Schembri, illustrator), *Ġustizzja bi Tbissima* by Tonio Borg (with Mark Schembri, illustrator). — **Kite Group stand**

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**17:30 BOOK PRESENTATION – ITALIAN PUBLISHERS**

*Filivespiri* by Santi Terranova. — **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand**

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**17:45 IS-SHAĦAR TA' PETUT – MERLIN PUBLISHERS**

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**18:00 THE NBC PRESENTS: WHAT DO YOU NEED AUTHORS FOR?**

In this panel discussion led by Mark Vella and featuring Wayne Flask, Alex Vella Gera, Arnold Cassola and Emanuel Psaila we look at the history of Maltese literature in connection with the political relevance of authors and how this has changed through the years. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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**18:30 OBSCENITY & THE ARTS: ANTHONY BURGESS AND HIS MALTESE LEGACY**

Pariah Press have resuscitated Anthony Burgess's infamous 1970 lecture at the University of Malta, in a new and expanded edition of 'Obscenity & the Arts'. They have invited a selection of special guests to the Malta Book Fair to discuss Anthony Burgess's legacy on the island. Copies of the new publication will be available to purchase. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**

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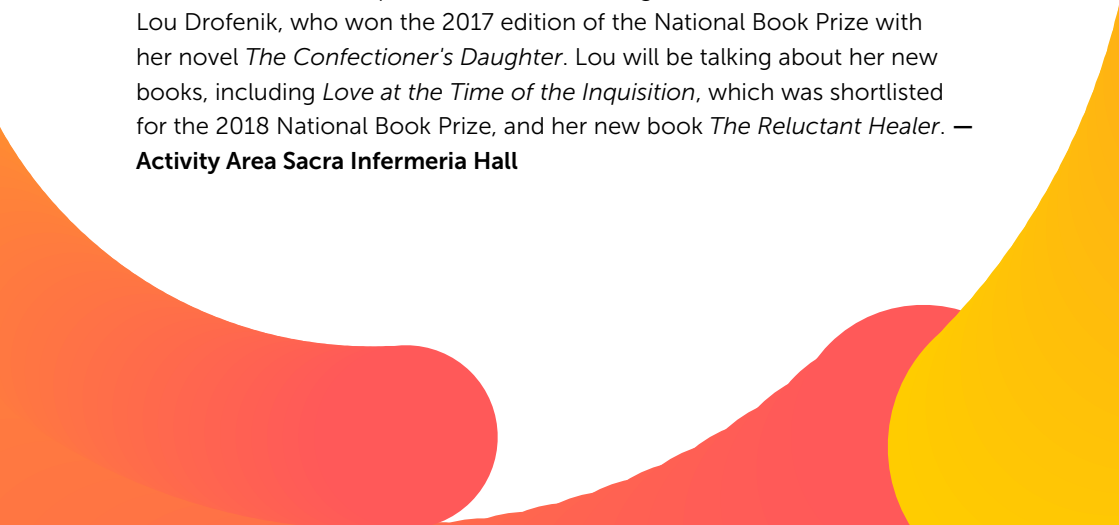
**18:45 MEET THE AUTHORS – MERLIN PUBLISHERS**

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**19:15 THE NBC AND HORIZONS PRESENT LOU DROFENIK**

Journalist Ramona Depares will be interviewing Maltese-Australian novelist Lou Drofenik, who won the 2017 edition of the National Book Prize with her novel *The Confectioner's Daughter*. Lou will be talking about her new books, including *Love at the Time of the Inquisition*, which was shortlisted for the 2018 National Book Prize, and her new book *The Reluctant Healer*. — **Activity Area Sacra Infermeria Hall**



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