

Le festival du livre de Marrakech / The Marrakech Book Festival

October 24 & 25 2015

at the cultural center Dar Attakafa

Avenue du 11 janvier, Daoudiate, 40 000 Marrakech

Press release

The first edition of the Marrakech Book Festival - created and organized by the association « Le Kitab bleu » (Stéphane Guillot, Joschi Guitton and Emmanuelle Sarrazin) with the « Fondation Jardin Majorelle » - will offer you several meetings with writers from Morocco and elsewhere. Around 30 french-speaking Moroccan writers, arabic-speaking Moroccan writers and some French, Lebanese, Haitian and Indian writers as well, will sign their latest books. During numerous round tables and debates, you will be able to exchange opinions with them.

Among the present writers: Mahi Binebine (*Le Seigneur vous le rendra* - Editions Le Fennec), Vénus Khoury-Ghata (*Le Livre des suppliques* - Mercure de France), Yanick Lahens (*Bain de lune* - Sabine Wespieser éditeur - PRIX FEMINA 2014), Abdellah Taïa (*Un pays pour mourir* - Editions du Seuil), Leïla Slimani (*Dans le jardin de l'ogre* - Editions Gallimard), Sapho (*La Chambre turque* - Le Castor astral), Mohamed Nedali (*Le Jardin des pleurs* - Editions Le Fennec), Reda Dalil (*Le Job*, Prix Mamounia 2014 - Editions du Fennec), Moha Souag (*Nos plus beaux jours*, Prix Grand Atlas roman 2014 - Editions du Sirocco), Aziz Binebine (*Tazmamort*, Editions Denoël), François Salvaing (*818 jours* - Editions du Sirocco), Driss Ksikes (*L'homme descend du silence*, - Editions Al Manar), Abdellah Baida (*Le Dernier Salto*, Prix Grand Atlas Fiction 2014 - Editions Marsam), Ali Chraïbi (*Back to Modern Times*, éditions du Sirocco), Mohamed Hmoudane (*Plus loin que toujours*, Editions Al Manar), Kaoutar Harchi (*A l'origine notre père obscur* - Actes Sud), Emmanuelle de Boysson (*Le Bonheur en prime* - Flammarion), Lamia Berrada-Berca (*Guerres d'une vie ordinaire*, Editions du Sirocco), My Seddik Rabbaj (*Le lutteur*, Le Serpent à plumes, 2015), Guillaume Jobin (*Route des Zaërs*, Editeur de talents), Jean Zaganiaris (*Le Périphe des hommes amoureux*, Editions Casa Express)...

Our partner bookshops: Librairie Chatr (Marrakech) - Librairie des Colonnes (Tangier)

Debates and conferences:

Saturday October 24th

10 am: Opening ceremony with numerous personalities

11.30 am: Show of Patrick Poivre d'Arvor's movie: *Yves Saint Laurent à Majorelle*, followed by a debate with the director

3 pm: Dialogue between Pierre Bergé and Abdellah Taïa

4 pm: « Fruits and Morocco, a beautiful love story » with Jean-Yves Maisonneuve

4.30 pm: « Jaha or the power of the mint tea ». Children stories from age 5 on with story-teller Abdellatif Targhaoui

And also numerous cafés littéraires and round tables

(The exact list is on www.festivaldulivredemarrakech.com).

Sunday october 25th

10.30 am: First cafés littéraires, round tables and debates begin (www.festivaldulivredemarrakech.com)

5.30 pm: « Sweet gardens ». Stories of love for adults with story-teller Abdellatif Targhaoui

Honorary President: Pierre Bergé

Special guests: Patrick Poivre d'Arvor - Sapho

Guests of honor: Mahi Binebine - Yanick Lahens - Vénus Khoury-Ghata

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