



**The New Literature from Europe Festival
NYC's Largest Literature in Translation Celebration
December 7-10, 2016**

NEW YORK – The New Literature from Europe Festival, New York City's top European literary event, returns in its 13th year to present best-selling, award-winning, and emerging authors from across the continent. The four-day festival welcomes more than 40 authors, journalists, poets and translators in events at bookstores, theatres, and special venues throughout New York City from December 7 to 10. Curated and produced by 20 Square Feet Productions, the programs feature readings, conversations, and panel discussions with European and American literary luminaries.

"At a time of division in Europe, the United States, and the world, the Festival provides a unique opportunity for us to come together in celebration of great literature and all that unites us," says Sean Bye, President, New Literature from Europe Festival.

European festival guests include **Elena Alexieva** (Sofia, Bulgaria), **Colin Barrett** (County Mayo, Ireland), **Ann Cotten** (Vienna, Austria), **Cristian Crusat** (Málaga, Andalusia, Spain), **Stefan Hertmans** (Ghent, Flanders, Belgium), **Susana Moreira Marques** (Porto, Portugal), **Immanuel Mifsud** (Paola, Malta), **Mihkel Mutt** (Tartu, Estonia), **Martí Sales** (Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain), **Asle Skredderberget** (Oslo, Norway), **Yoko Tawada** (Berlin, Germany), **Krisztina Tóth** (Budapest, Hungary), **Szczepan Twardoch** (Silesia, Poland), **Matei Visniec** (Suceava, Romania) and **Tommy Wieringa** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands).

Joining the festival, alongside our guests from Europe, are best-selling and acclaimed authors, **Salman Rushdie**, **Jhumpa Lahiri**, **Eliot Weinberger**, **Deborah Eisenberg**, **Benjamin Nugent**, and **Elizabeth Flock**; poets **Nick Laird**, **Nick Flynn**, and **Nathanle Handal**; *The New Yorker's* **Cressida Leyshon**; the BBC's **Michael Maher**; Open Letter Books' **Chad W. Post**; Grove Atlantic's **Katie Raissian**; New Vessel Press' **Ross Ufberg**; Europa Editions' **Michael Reynolds**; Executive Director of the Martin E. Segal Theatre at CUNY, **Frank Hentschker**; The University of Connecticut's **Peter Constantine**; former chair of the PEN/Heim Translation Fund, **Michael F. Moore**; and, superstar translators, **Ann Goldstein**, **Susan Bernofsky**, **Alta L. Price**, **Marjolijn de Jager**, **Bruna Dantas Lobato**, **Julia Sanches** and **Annemarie Mattheyse**.

Partnering with international literary and translation organizations such as **ALTA (The American Literary Translators Association)** and **PEN World Voices**, the programs will address a wide range of timely issues facing society today. Festival guests explore such topics as **Writing to Change Hearts and Minds**, **Narrative Authority**, and **Writing Under the Influence of Music and Art**, among others. Highlights include: **Salman Rushdie** addressing the critical role of literature in translation; **Ann Goldstein** and **Jhumpa Lahiri** discussing the art of translation; **Yoko Tawada** discussing her new international best-seller, *Memoirs of a Polar Bear*; and, the cabaret style festival favorite **Translation Slam**. Most of the events are **free** and **open to the public**. For a complete and up-to-date schedule of festival guests, venues and programs, please visit: <http://newlitfromeurope.org/>

Don't miss these fascinating cross-cultural events at popular venues across the city including The Center for Fiction, The Goethe-Institut, The Nuyorican Poets Café, Scandinavia House, and Poets House.

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