# Vancouver Writers Fest 2023 Program Guide: Simple Text – Events By Venue

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# Performance Works

18. Shadows, Wrath, and Haunting Writing

Wednesday, October 18 10:15am at Performance Works ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/18>

22. Burt the Beetle with Ashley Spires

Wednesday, October 18 1:00pm at Performance Works ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/22>

26. The Strength of Storytelling

Wednesday, October 18 6:00pm at Performance Works ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/26>

30. She’s A Scream

Wednesday, October 18 8:30pm at Performance Works ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/30>

34. Good Reads for YA

Thursday, October 19 10:15am at Performance Works ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/34>

38. Using Pop Culture

Thursday, October 19 1:00pm at Performance Works ($10)

Youth, Guest Curator Event

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/38>

46. Smells Like… 90s Lyrics Night

Thursday, October 19 8:00pm at Performance Works ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/46>

49. 90s Dance Party

Thursday, October 19 9:30pm at Performance Works ($10)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/49>

50. On the Edge

Friday, October 20 10:00am at Performance Works ($25)

Guest Curator Event

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/50>

53. Book Banning in a Precarious Age

Friday, October 20 1:00pm at Performance Works ($25)

ASL Interpretation Provided

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/53>

60. The Poetry Bash

Friday, October 20 8:00pm at Performance Works ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/60>

65. Chinatown: Past and Future

Saturday, October 21 10:30am at Performance Works ($25)

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Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/65>

76. The Literary Cabaret

Saturday, October 21 8:00pm at Performance Works ($50)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/76>

79. Food for Thought

Sunday, October 22 11:00am at Performance Works ($45)

ASL Interpretation Provided

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/79>

84. The Afternoon Tea

Sunday, October 22 4:00pm at Performance Works ($55)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/84>

# Revue Stage

05. Finding Your Way

Tuesday, October 17 10:15am at Revue Stage ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/05>

09. Spooky Stories

Tuesday, October 17 1:00pm at Revue Stage ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/09>

12. Marvelous Meta-Fiction

Tuesday, October 17 6:00pm at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/12>

16. Inheriting Truth

Tuesday, October 17 8:30pm at Revue Stage ($25)

ASL Interpretation Provided, Guest Curator Event

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/16>

25. Bestselling Teen Fiction for a Reason

Wednesday, October 18 1:00pm at Revue Stage ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/25>

29. The Company We Keep

Wednesday, October 18 6:00pm at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/29>

33. Season of the Witch

Wednesday, October 18 8:30pm at Revue Stage ($25)

Guest Curator Event

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/33>

37. Good Reads for Middle Grade

Thursday, October 19 10:15am at Revue Stage ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/37>

41. Fantastical Fantasy

Thursday, October 19 1:00pm at Revue Stage ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/41>

44. Rewriting History

Thursday, October 19 6:00pm at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/44>

48. The Best of History

Thursday, October 19 8:30pm at Revue Stage ($25)

(**Please note: There is no ASL Interpretation for this event**. We apologize for any confusion caused by the ASL designation in our printed Program Guide.)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/48>

52. Debut Fiction

Friday, October 20 10:00am at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/52>

56. Carving Space

Friday, October 20 1:00pm at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/56>

59. Latin Expressions in Three Conversations

Friday, October 20 6:00pm at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/59>

63. Landbridge

Friday, October 20 8:30pm at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/63>

67. Good Reads

Saturday, October 21 10:30am at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/67>

71. Crime Time

Saturday, October 21 1:30pm at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/71>

74. Poets on Family and Time

Saturday, October 21 5:00pm at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/74>

81. Pulse-Racing Thrillers

Sunday, October 22 11:00am at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/81>

83. Pictures on the Wall: The Power of Art

Sunday, October 22 1:30pm at Revue Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/83>

# Waterfront Theatre

03. A Morning with Jon Klassen

Tuesday, October 17 10:15am at Waterfront Theatre ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/03>

07. Picture Book Storytime

Tuesday, October 17 1:00pm at Waterfront Theatre ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/07>

10. Ian Ferguson & Will Ferguson in Conversation

Tuesday, October 17 6:00pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/10>

14. Roaming

Tuesday, October 17 8:30pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/14>

19. Storytime

Wednesday, October 18 10:15am at Waterfront Theatre ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/19>

23. The Strength of Owls, Turtles… and Kids

Wednesday, October 18 1:00pm at Waterfront Theatre ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/23>

27. Night Class - A Workshop with UBC School of Creative Writing

Wednesday, October 18 6:00pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/27>

31. Blackness as a Portal, Blackness as the Frame

Wednesday, October 18 8:30pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

ASL Interpretation Provided, Guest Curator Event

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/31>

35. Adventures in the Pacific Northwest

Thursday, October 19 10:15am at Waterfront Theatre ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/35>

39. Wings of Fire: Tui T. Sutherland in Conversation

Thursday, October 19 1:00pm at Waterfront Theatre ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/39>

42. It Stops Here: Rueben George in Conversation

Thursday, October 19 6:00pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/42>

47. Cli-Fi: Fiction for our Times

Thursday, October 19 8:30pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/47>

51. Memoirs of Belonging

Friday, October 20 10:00am at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/51>

54. Blending Genres

Friday, October 20 1:00pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/54>

57. Women Talking

Friday, October 20 6:00pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/57>

61. Lauren Groff in Conversation

Friday, October 20 8:30pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/61>

66. Fest Talks on Field Notes

Saturday, October 21 10:30am at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/66>

69. Short Stories Continued

Saturday, October 21 1:30pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/69>

72. Michelle Good in Conversation

Saturday, October 21 5:00pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/72>

77. Gripping Domestic Thrillers

Saturday, October 21 8:00pm at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/77>

80. The Conversations: Jenny Erpenbeck, Ayelet Gundar-Goshen, Elaine Feeney

Sunday, October 22 11:00am at Waterfront Theatre ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/80>

# The NEST

04. Masterclass: The Best Way to Get Your Way

Tuesday, October 17 10:15am at The NEST ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/04>

08. Masterclass: Maybe a Whale

Tuesday, October 17 1:00pm at The NEST ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/08>

11. The Storm Inside Us

Tuesday, October 17 6:00pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/11>

15. Patrick deWitt in Conversation

Tuesday, October 17 8:30pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/15>

20. Masterclass with Tui T. Sutherland

Wednesday, October 18 10:15am at The NEST ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/20>

24. Masterclass with Sarah Suk

Wednesday, October 18 1:00pm at The NEST ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/24>

28. On Being Human (or not): Exceptional Short Stories

Wednesday, October 18 6:00pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/28>

32. Anne Berest in Conversation with Marsha Lederman

Wednesday, October 18 8:30pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/32>

36. Masterclass with Elamin Abdelmahmoud

Thursday, October 19 10:15am at The NEST ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/36>

40. Masterclass with Ben Clanton

Thursday, October 19 1:00pm at The NEST ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/40>

43. Mona Awad in Conversation

Thursday, October 19 6:00pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/43>

55. AI, Quantum Physics and Simplifying the Unknown: In Conversation with Jérémie Harris

Friday, October 20 1:00pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/55>

58. Suzette Mayr in Conversation

Friday, October 20 6:00pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/58>

62. Freeman’s Conclusions

Friday, October 20 8:30pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/62>

70. Poets in Conversation

Saturday, October 21 1:30pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/70>

73. Silvia Moreno-Garcia in Conversation

Saturday, October 21 5:00pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/73>

78. Christina Sharpe in Conversation

Saturday, October 21 8:00pm at The NEST ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/78>

82. Emerge

Sunday, October 22 1:30pm at The NEST ($0)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/82>

# Granville Island Stage

02. Cherie Dimaline in Conversation

Tuesday, October 17 10:15am at Granville Island Stage ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/02>

06. Word! (1)

Tuesday, October 17 1:00pm at Granville Island Stage ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/06>

13. The Alma Lee Opening Night Event: Page-Turning Thrills

Tuesday, October 17 7:30pm at Granville Island Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/13>

17. Word! (2)

Wednesday, October 18 10:15am at Granville Island Stage ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/17>

21. Rise Up!

Wednesday, October 18 1:00pm at Granville Island Stage ($10)

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/21>

45. Celeste Ng in Conversation

Thursday, October 19 7:30pm at Granville Island Stage ($25)

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Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/45>

64. Rebecca Solnit in Conversation

Saturday, October 21 10:30am at Granville Island Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/64>

68. Novel Ideas: Conversations with Michael Crummey, Emma Donoghue, and Elizabeth Hay

Saturday, October 21 1:30pm at Granville Island Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/68>

85. Not Too Late: The Climate Conversation

Sunday, October 22 7:30pm at Granville Island Stage ($25)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/85>

# Playhouse Theatre

01. Between The Pages: An Evening with the Scotiabank Giller Prize Finalists

Monday, October 16 7:30pm at Playhouse Theatre ($30)

ASL Interpretation Provided

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/01>

# The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts

75. Doppelganger: Naomi Klein

Saturday, October 21 7:30pm at The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts ($35)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2023/75>