**Vancouver Writers Fest 2024 Program Guide:   
Simple Text – Event Information Only**

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# MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

## 01. The Wall Between

Information: MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 | On-Demand | FREE

Venue: Virtual (prerecorded)

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/01>

## 02. A Grand Opening: Finding Joy Amid Turmoil

Information: MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 7:30 PM | $27

Venue: Playhouse Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/02>

# TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

## 03. Reconciling History

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: Granville Island Stage

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/03>

## 04. Coming of Age

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: Performance Works

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/04>

## 05. The Craft of Graphic Novels

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/05>

## 06. Masterclass with Kevin Sylvester

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: The NEST

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/06>

## 6.5. Masterclass with Katherine Rundell

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 10:45 AM | $12

Venue: Revue

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/6-5>

## 07. Worlds of Imagination

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: Granville Island Stage

Youth  
Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/07>

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## 08. Storytime with Nature

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/08>

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## 09. Masterclass with Marty Chan

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: The NEST

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/09>

## 10. Word! 1

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 1:30 PM | $12

Venue: Revue Stage

Youth  
*Grades 8–12.* *Hosted by Jillian Christmas.*

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/10>

## 11. Elizabeth Renzetti in Conversation

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 6:00 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/11>   
12. Nita Prose in Conversation

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 6:00 PM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/12>

## 13. Ann Cleeves in Conversation: The Alma Lee Opening Night Event Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 7:30 PM | $27 Venue: Granville Island Stage Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/13>

## 14. Scarily Brilliant: An Evening of Literary Horror

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 7:30 PM | $27

Venue: The NEST

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Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/14>

## 15. Rachel Kushner in Conversation

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 8:30 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/15>

## 16. Romancing the Page

Information: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 8:30 PM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/16>

# WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

## 17. Word! 2

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: Granville Island Stage

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/17>

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## 18. Big Hope for Little Ones

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: Performance Works

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/18>

## 19. Finding Hope

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/19>

## 20. Masterclass with Candace Savage

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: The NEST

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/20>

## 21. On Connection

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: Performance Works

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/21>

## 22. Thrilling Tales with Richard Van Camp

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/22>

## 23. Masterclass with Kern Carter

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: The NEST

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/23>

## 24. Good Reads for Middle Grade

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: Revue Stage

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/24>

## 25. Short Stories, Infinite Identities

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 5:30 PM | $27

Venue: Performance Works

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/25>

## 26. Night Class: A Workshop with UBC School of Creative Writing

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 5:30 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/26>

## 27. Dionne Brand in Conversation

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 5:30 PM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/27>

## 28. *Ru* + Kim Thúy in Conversation

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 5:30 PM | $25

Venue: VIFF Centre (Off-Island)

Tickets sold by VIFF. Link: <https://viff.org/whats-on/ru-kim-thuy-in-conversation>

## 29. The Mystery Queens

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 7:30 PM | $27

Venue: Granville Island Stage

Link: https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/29

## 30. Jane Urquhart in Conversation

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 8:30 PM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/30>

## 31. Ecosystems for Change

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 8:30 PM | $27

Venue: Performance Works

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/31>

## 32. The Power of Political Prose

Information: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 8:30 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/32>

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

## 33. Who Are You Really?

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: Performance Works

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/33>

## 34. How To Navigate Adults

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/34>

## 35. Masterclass with Richard Van Camp

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: The NEST

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/35>

## 36. Gumboot Kids

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 10:15 AM | $12

Venue: Revue Stage

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/36>

## 37. Crafting Suspense

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: Performance Works

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/37>

## 38. Our World, Our Community

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/38>

## 39. Masterclass with Johnnie Christmas

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: The NEST

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/39>

## 40. Today I Am: Stories of Belonging

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 1:00 PM | $12

Venue: Revue Stage

Youth

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/40>

## 41. Knowing Who We Are (And Who We Can Be)

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 5:30 PM | $27

Venue: Granville Island Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/41>

## 42. What I've Done For Writing

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 5:30 PM | $27

Venue: Performance Works

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Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/42>

## 43. Self-Portrait of Translation: George McWhirter in Conversation

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 5:30 PM | $27

Venue: The NEST

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/43>

## 44. Heather O’Neill in Conversation

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 8:00 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/44>

## 45. Canisia Lubrin in Conversation with Dionne Brand

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 8:00 PM | $27

Venue: The NEST

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/45>

## 46. Hunting for Clues

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 8:00 PM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/46>

## 47. The Poetry Bash

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 8:30 PM | $27

Venue: Performance Works

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/47>

## 48. Literary Trivia: 80s and 90s Style

Information: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 8:30 PM | $20

Venue: Dockside Lounge

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/48>

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

## 49. Listening in the Age of Rage

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 10:00 AM | $27

Venue: Granville Island Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/49>

## 50. Transcendent Fiction

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 10:00 AM | $27

Venue: Performance Works

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/50>

## 51. Bob McDonald: Just Say Yes

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 10:00 AM | $27

Venue: The NEST

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/51>

## 52. On Translation

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 10:00 AM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/52>

## 53. The Conversations

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 1:00 PM | $27

Venue: Granville Island Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/53>

## 54. Science and Fiction

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 1:00 PM | $27

Venue: Performance Works | Guest Curator

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/54>

## 55. Good Reads

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 1:00 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/55>

## 56. The City of Vancouver Book Award Ceremony

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 1:00 PM | FREE

Venue: Revue StageASL Provided

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/56>

## 57. CANCELLED - Rumaan Alam in Conversation

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 5:00 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/57>

## 58. Poets in Conversation

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 5:00 PM | $27

Venue: The NEST

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/58>

## 59. Andrey Kurkov’s Silver Pen

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 5:00 PM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/59>

## 60. The Knowing, with Tanya Talaga

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 7:30 PM | $27

Venue: Granville Island Stage

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Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/60>

## 61. Highway to the Danger Zone: Lyrics Night

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 8:00 PM | $27

Venue: Performance Works

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/61>

## 62. Anne Michaels in Conversation

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 8:00 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/62>

## 63. Singing the Depths

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 8:00 PM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/63>

## 64. Night Fever: Dance Party

Information: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 9:30 PM | $10

Venue: Performance Works

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/64>

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

## 65. Nathan Thrall in Conversation with Carol Off

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10:30 AM | $27

Venue: Granville Island Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/65>

## 66. Roddy Doyle in Conversation

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10:30 AM | $27

Venue: Performance Works

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/66>

## 67. Friends, on Finding One’s Voice

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10:30 AM | $27

Venue: The NEST

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/67>

## 68. A Perfect Day For a Walk with Bill Arnott

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10:30 AM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/68>

## 69. Rebuilding Pillars of Society

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 1:30 PM | $27

Venue: Granville Island Stage  
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Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/69>

## 70. Claire Messud in Conversation with Eleanor Wachtel

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 1:30 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/70>

## 71. Blending Genres: VMI Betsy Warland Between Genres Award

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 1:30 PM | $27

Venue: The NEST

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/71>

## 72. Less is More: Celebrating Short Stories

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 1:30 PM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/72>

## 73. On Grief and Trauma: Personal and Global

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 5:00 PM | $27

Venue: Granville Island Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/73>

## 74. Thuận in Conversation

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 5:00 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre | Guest Curator

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/74>

## 75. Nalo Hopkinson in Conversation

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 5:00 PM | $27

Venue: The NEST

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/75>

## 76. The Literary Cabaret

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 8:00 PM | $50

Venue: Performance Works

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/76>

## 77. Drawing Out Family Histories

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 8:00 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/77>

## 78. Drew Hayden Taylor in Conversation

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 8:00 PM | $27

Venue: The NEST

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/78>

## 79. Fright Night

Information: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 8:00 PM | $27

Venue: Revue Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/79>

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

## 80. Food for Thought

Information: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 10:30 AM | $45

Venue: Performance Works

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/80>

## 81. On Matriarchs

Information: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 11:00 AM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/81>

## 82. The Wall Between: Q&A with Raja G. Khouri

Information: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 11:00 AM | PWYC (Starting at $10)

Venue: The NEST

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/82>

## 83. Chiller Thrillers

Information: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 2:00 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/83>

## 84. Emerge

Information: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 2:00 PM | FREE

Venue: The NEST

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/84>

## 85. The Afternoon Tea

Information: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 3:30 PM | $55

Venue: Performance Works

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/85>

## 86. Art Speaks: Dana Claxton and Dorothy Grant

Information: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 5:00 PM | $27

Venue: Waterfront Theatre

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/86>

## 87. On Freedom: Timothy Snyder with *The Current*’s Matt Galloway

Information: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 7:00 PM | $27

Venue: Granville Island Stage

Link: <https://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-2024/87>