

European Festival of the First Novel 2016

Reading Gala and Literary Conference for New European Literature

From 19 to 22/5 2016 new, hitherto untranslated literature from ten or more European countries will be presented for the tenth year running, offering opportunities for literary exchanges, for the meeting of literary talents, publishers, translators and critics.

At the beginning of the Festival the public is invited to a Reading Gala to discover new literature from Europe. In the Literaturhaus Schleswig-Holstein the authors present their first novels. Extracts of the first novels are read in the original language and in a German translation to initiate a literary and multilingual Get Together.

The **Conference** on the European First Novel:

- Gathers first-time novelists from ten or more European countries whose work as yet exists only in the original language.
- Gathers the publishers / editors of the first novels.
- Offers participants and professional conference visitors, (translators, editors, critics and agents) a forum for literary exchanges and publication transfers.
- Publishes a brochure containing a summary of works to be discussed, extracts from sample-translations in German, French & English, as well as information about the authors.
- Presents the authors as well as the participating publishers through organised discussions.
- Highlights and explores more deeply aspects of the literary exchanges and transfers through lectures & workshops, involving all participants and visitors to the conference.
- Documents the results of each years conference.
- Is carried out since 2003 by the Literaturhaus Schleswig-Holstein in cooperation with the Centre Culturel Français de Kiel as co-operating partner under the sponsorship of the French Embassy in Berlin as well as that of the government of Schleswig-Holstein.
- Is supported organisationally and financially by institutions of the participating countries.
- Is granted with the Ars Baltica Logo since 2005 as well

The list of participating authors & publishers from ten countries as well as those of the speakers and presenters can be found on the conference programme.

Further information for interested conference-visitors concerning the conditions for participation can be obtained from the Literaturhaus Schleswig-Holstein.

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