



BOEKBEDONNERD

Literary Festival Richmond

22, 23, 24 OCTOBER 2015

BOEKBEDONNERD – OROS VIR DIE SIEL

It is apt that in this area known as “ the land of thirst”, that a book with the title “Oros for the Soul” will get the greatest literary festival in all of the Karoo underway. Without a doubt, Susan Coetzer comes to Richmond with the book title of the festival.

“Die maer man met die groen trui” should be in Richmond on Friday , 23 October. To welcome the greatest living Afrikaans poet to Booktown Richmond, make sure you are wearing your green BookBedonnerd T-shirts. Not only to welcome Breyten, but to show our support for the Springboks who should hopefully be contesting the semi’s over the weekend of the festival. Make no mistake,

BOKTOWN Richmond will never forget this weekend!

It will also be a festival with a slew of national book launches. Vernon Head, best-selling author of "In Search of the Rarest Bird in the World" will have his national launch of his debut poetry anthology. Underberg vet Tod Collins will have his national launch of his debut novel "Cullen" at the festival; Philippe Menache and Darryl David will launch the last of their trilogy of books on Country Churches in SA; Ashwin Desai will head to Richmond with undoubtedly the year's most controversial book on Gandhi; Breyten Breytenbach will speak on his new book that is a compilation of all his public speeches over the last 50 years; Jonty Driver will be in Richmond with a new book on The Life and Execution of John Harris; Philippa Hobbs will enthrall us with her magisterial book on Peter Clarke; so too will Linda Louw with her book on "The Wild Horses of Kaapsehoop". And I have not even begun to mention the likes of Francois Smith & Kamphoer; Jan van der Merwe with his 20kg love letter to the Northern Cape. Or Herman Lategan. Or Friedel Hansen's book on Eugene Marais. Seriously folks, every session is a highlight. That is why we do not have parallel sessions in Booktown Richmond. Because you should not be forced to choose which book to miss out on.

Below is our full programme for BookBedonnerd. If you need accommodation, there are a few rooms available at Kama Lodge. I am also sitting with a room available for just a day in different guesthouses, so give me a call if you are desperate to experience the charm of the Karoo, even if it can't be for the full duration of the festival.

Can't wait to see you all in the flesh! Come to think of it, we've never had a streaker in the history of Booktown Richmond.

Cheers

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THURSDAY

9.00 – 9.30 Susan Coetzer – Oros vir die Siel

9.30 – 10.00 Lindie Koorts – D.F.Malan

10.00 – 10.30 Tinus Horn – Boas Mei is verward

10.30 – 11.00 TEA

11.00 – 11.30 Carolyn Metcalfe – The Beautiful Bowls of Carolyn Metcalfe

11,30 – 12.00 Tod Collins – Cullen

12.00 – 12.30 Hans Beukes – Namibia's Long Road to Liberation

12.30 – 13.00 Anthea Garman – Antjie Krog

13.00 – 14.30 LUNCH

14.30 – 15.00 Ode Krige – Carl Otto Hager

15.00-15.30 Jim Hislop – Wheatfields & Windmills

15.30 – 16.00 – Lien Botha – Wonderboom

16.00 – 16.30 - Chanette Paul – Offerlam

FRIDAY

9.00 – 9.30 – Vernon Head – The Laughing Dove and other Poems

9.30 – 10.00 Sonja Loots – Marlene van Niekerk

10.00 – 10.30 Jonty Driver – The Man with the Suitcase: The Life, Execution and Rehabilitation of a Liberal Terrorist. (John Harris)

10.30 – 11.00 – TEA

11.00 – 11.30 Herman Lategan – Binnekring van Spookasems

11.30 – 12.00 – Liana Muller – Biesjepoort

12.00 – 12.30 - Chris Marais – The Journey Man

12.30 – 13.00 - Marion Whitehead – Passes and Poorts of SA

13.00 – 14.30 – LUNCH

14.30 – 15.00 – Darryl David & Philippe Menache – Church Tourism in SA – A Travel Odyssey

15.00 – 15.30 – Philippa Hobbs - Listening to Distant Thunder: The Art of Peter Clarke

15.30 – 16.30 - Breyten Breytenbach- interview with Dominique Botha & Riaan Malan on his new book– Parool – A Collection of Breyten Breytenbach's Public Speeches over the last 50 years

SATURDAY

9.00 – 9.30 - Francois Smith - Kamphoer

9.30 – 10.30 – Breyten Breytenbach - Dominique Botha in gesprek met Breyten Breytenbach – voorlesings uit Oorblyfsels bb/ Riaan/ Dominique/3 ander dames

10.30 – 11.00 – TEA

11.00 – 11.30 – Linda Louw – Wild Horses of Kaapsehoop

11.30 – 12.00 - Harry Kalmer – 1000 Stories oor Johannesburg

12.00 – 12.30 - Gabrielle Lubowski – The Death of Anton Lubowski

12.30 – 2.00 - LUNCH

2.00 – 2.30 - Vernon Head - In Search of the Rarest Bird in the World

2.30 – 3.00 – Friedel Hansen – Die handdruk van die dood (Eugene Marais)

3.00 - 3.30 - Jan van der Merwe - Noord-Kaapse Dorpe

3.00 – 3.45 – Ashwin Desai - Gandhi : Stretcher Bearer for Empire

4.00 – 6.00 – RUGBY WORLD CUP SEMI-FINAL 1
