

FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER 2021

10.00 WORKSHOP: RECREATING THE PAST (WITH CAROL MCGRATH)

10.00 WORKSHOP: GET CREATIVE (WITH GAIL ALDWIN)

13.00 WORKSHOP: WRITERS' WORKOUT (WITH STEPHANIE ROUSE)

13.00 WORKSHOP: WRITING MEMOIR (WITH ANN RICHARDSON)

17.00 MEET THE AUTHOR: MIKE HEATH

Come along and meet Mike Heath, who will be talking about his experience of memoir writing and reading from his recently published book 'The Life and Times of Annie Williams: Last of a Fenland Dynasty'

17.45 JAMES HENEAGE: THE SHORTEST HISTORY OF GREECE

Author of The Mistra Chronicles and founder of the Chalke Valley History Festival and Ottakar's bookshop chain, James Heneage will be giving us a preview of his latest book 'The Shortest History of Greece', which will be published in November 2021.

18.30 CAIQUE CATASTROPHE: WE'RE SINKING! HOSTED BY STEPHANIE ROUSE

A motley crew of fictional characters are enjoying a sunset caïque trip out in the Messinian Bay. On the way back they run into a strong current, a gale blows up and before they know it they've hit a huge rock and the boat begins to let in water. The only way to get safely back to shore is to reduce the weight in the boat – who gets to stay on board, the decision is yours!

20.00 SEX AND SEXUALITY IN TUDOR ENGLAND: CAROL MCGRATH

Carol McGrath draws on her research for her latest non-fiction work to reveal the answer to the question: What did the Tudors get up to in the bedroom and behind closed doors? A short illustrated talk and question and answer session.

21.00 A TALE OF TWO: MARINA KAZAKOVA AND SARA MAINO

We take a road through the favourite verses of great poets - alchemists from different centuries, as sparkles. You just need to listen - and we will hear the innermost secrets, learn about the muses of Sappho, Francesco Petrarca, Dante Alighieri, Johann Wolfgang Goethe, Marina Tsvetaeva, Igor Severyanin, Joseph Brodsky. The answers to all our questions are stored in encrypted messages of poets, they contain the whole palette of human feelings, relationships and experiences - love and grief, resentment and forgiveness, sin and temptation. You can overcome whole distances without fear, and stop 5 millimetres from your fate - this is the discovery we want to share in our new performance through their voices and ours.

MARINE ELEGY: A Tale of Two will be followed by a screening of 'Marine Elegy', a short film by Sara Maino.

SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2021



10.00 WORKSHOP: WRITING PLACE (WITH ALIZON ROBERTSON)

10.00 WORKSHOP: WRITING FOR CHILDREN (WITH CHRIS HEATH)

11.45 ΓΝΩΡΙΣΤΕ ΤΗΝ ΣΥΓΓΡΑΦΕΑ: ΜΑΡΙΑ ΜΑΥΡΟΓΕΝΝΕΑΣ - ΜΑΡ ΜΟΡ

Τα παραμύθια της Μαρ Μορ: Τα παραμύθια είναι για τους μεγάλους, αφού αυτοί έχουν χάσει το δρόμο τους. Είναι ένα καταφύγιο, ένα βάλαμο ψυχής στον ψεύτικο κόσμο που ζούμε και μεταφέρουν αλήθειες αιώνων. (Please note this event is in Greek)

13.00 WORKSHOP: THE ART OF LISTENING (WITH SARA MAINO)

13.00 WORKSHOP: STORY TELLING (WITH KATERINA GYFTAKI BECK)

15.00 JOHN HAYES: GRECO FILES – GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT

John Hayes introduces his recently published book. Part memoir, part commentary, it captures the highs and lows of a quarter of a century creating a home in the Mani.

16:00 SALT AND HONEY: NICHOLAS TSAKIRIS

Nicholas Tsakiris introduces his family's celebrated recipe book 'Salt and Honey', bringing us a taste of the Mediterranean lifestyle with its emphasis on the sea, sun, family, friends and, crucially, the food that celebrates all these things at the centre of their lives.

17.30 GAIL ALDWIN: PUBLICATION WITH SMALL PRESSES

Find out from Gail Aldwin the high points and pitfalls of being published with small independent presses

18.30 MEET THE AUTHOR: KATERINA GYFTAKI BECK

Kalamata based author Katerina Gyftaki Beck will be reading some extracts from her latest novel, First the Wolf. This is an unusual story of mystery, love, intrigue, plot, magic and illusions. It is a tale of two stories that happen in different time periods (1937-1825), but have an unexpected connection. A novel that speaks about the depths someone can go to, in order to escape their fate. She invites you to ask her any question, about the world of fiction, writing and inspiration in general and of course about this particular story, and will share with you her experience as a writer.

19.15 QUIZ: UNIVERSALLY CHALLENGED

Meet the team behind Mani Lit Fest as they take on a team of authors in our entertaining literary quiz. Who will scoop the trophy?

20.00 CLAIRE PAPAMICHAEL: TRANSLATOR

Claire Papamichael will be speaking to us about the challenges of translating from Greek into English, focusing on her recent translation of 'The Book of Katerina' by Auguste Corteau.

20.30 OPEN MIC: HOSTED BY PAT WOOLFE

Now it's your turn! You've done the workshops, been inspired and entertained by our speakers and now we look forward to hearing your work. Step up to the mic!