

Press Release

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HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON TO APPEAR EXCLUSIVELY AT BOTH SOUTHBANK CENTRE'S LONDON LITERATURE FESTIVAL AND THE TIMES AND THE SUNDAY TIMES CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL



Southbank Centre's *London Literature Festival* and *The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival*, together with publishers **Simon & Schuster**, today announce **Hillary Rodham Clinton** for their festival line-ups on **Sunday 15 October 2017**.

In exclusive UK appearances, Hillary Rodham Clinton makes her debut at Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall for an evening event at *London Literature Festival* following an appearance at *The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival* earlier in the day.

The one-off events mark Hillary Rodham Clinton's only UK appearances to discuss her new book, *What Happened*, an autobiographical account describing her experience as the Democratic Party's nominee for President of the United States in the 2016 election.

Published by Simon & Schuster on Tuesday 12 September, *What Happened* reveals for the first time what Clinton was thinking and feeling during one of the most controversial and unpredictable presidential elections in history.

In these two events, audiences will experience a unique opportunity to hear Clinton reflect on her personal experience of becoming the first woman nominated for president by a major party in an election marked by rage, sexism, exhilarating highs and infuriating lows, stranger-than-fiction twists, Russian interference, and an opponent who didn't play by the usual political rules. Audience members can expect to hear Clinton speak candidly about how she has coped with a shocking and devastating loss – the rituals, relationships, and reading that got her through, and what the experience has taught her about life.

Ted Hodgkinson, Senior Programmer, Literature and Spoken Word, Southbank Centre, said: *“At Southbank Centre we believe stories have the power to connect us across cultural and political divides, and help us make sense of a world increasingly caught between extremes. Whose story is more necessary and timely today than Hillary Rodham Clinton's? She joins London Literature Festival's stellar line-up of writers exploring the theme 'World on the Brink' and promises to offer rare insights into her personal experience of the twists and turns that led to last year's historic election result.”*

Caroline Hutton, Chair of The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival, said: *“These past 18 months have been the most extraordinary time in American politics. We couldn't be more excited and honoured to have Hillary Rodham Clinton in person at our Literature Festival, giving us her first-hand perspective. From debut novelists and cutting-edge spoken-word artists to some of the world's most influential thought leaders and agenda-setters our Literature Festival prides itself on bringing the most outstanding voices to Cheltenham every year.”*

Hillary Rodham Clinton's event at Southbank Centre's *London Literature Festival* takes place during the opening weekend of the festival which runs from **Friday 13 October to Wednesday 1 November** and features 20 days of live readings, performance, talks, debates, installations, workshops and music across Southbank Centre's 17-acre site. Speakers include the recently announced **Tom Hanks**, along with **Anne Carson, Tracy Chevalier, Goldie, Karl Ove Knausgård, Annie Leibovitz, David Mitchell, Philip Pullman, Claudia Rankine, Sjón** and more.

For further information about *London Literature Festival* see press release [HERE](#) and full listings [HERE](#).

Hillary Rodham Clinton's event on the final day of *The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival* takes place at The Centaur, Cheltenham Racecourse. The UK's oldest literature festival, which runs from **Friday 6 to Sunday 15 October**, covers a diverse programme of current affairs, history, visual art, sport, food, fashion, lifestyle, psychology, science and business as well as fiction, poetry and a packed family programme. Speakers include **Salman Rushdie, Alan Hollinghurst, Sarah Waters, Brendan Cox**,

David Mach, Nadiya Hussain, Russell Brand, Lauren Child, Andrew O'Hagan, Matt Lucas, Nikesh Shukla, Inua Ellams and Robert Webb.

For further information about *The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival* see press release [HERE](#).

Tickets for Hillary Rodham Clinton's event at Southbank Centre's *London Literature Festival* are on sale to Southbank Centre Members on Thursday 14 September and to the general public on Friday 15 September.

Tickets for Hillary Rodham Clinton's event at *The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival* are on sale to Cheltenham Festivals Members on Friday 15 September and to the general public on Saturday 16 September.

Please find further details on prices and booking information in the listings below.

Please find press images [HERE](#).

London Literature Festival is part of *Nordic Matters*, Southbank Centre's year-long programme celebrating the best of Nordic arts and culture.

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Notes to Editors

Southbank Centre's *London Literature Festival*

Hillary Rodham Clinton: What Happened

Southbank Centre's *London Literature Festival*

Sunday 15 October 2017, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall Auditorium

Tickets £45 and £70 Ticket includes a copy of Hillary Rodham Clinton's new book What Happened (RRP £20).

'In the past, for reasons I try to explain, I've often felt I had to be careful in public, like I was up on a wire without a net. Now I'm letting my guard down.' (Hillary Rodham Clinton, from the introduction of *What Happened*)

Southbank Centre's *London Literature Festival* is proud to present Hillary Rodham Clinton, the first woman nominated for US president by a major party. In this candid interview, she discusses her most personal memoir to date, *What Happened*, which depicts a tumultuous election that had the world on tenterhooks, filled with breathtaking highs and lows, stranger-than-fiction twists and allegations of sexism and Russian interference. In her memoir, she describes what it was like to run against opponent Donald Trump and the extreme scrutiny she has been placed under in her position as a strong woman in the public eye. She discusses the mistakes she made, how she has coped with a shocking and devastating loss, and how she found the strength to pick herself back up after an historically unprecedented election, where her defeat led to protests across the United States and throughout the world. In her only London appearance, she talks about the rituals, relationships and reading that got her back on her feet, and what the experience has taught her about life.

For more information or to buy tickets please visit the Southbank Centre website [HERE](#) or call 0203 879 9555.

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The Times and Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival

Hillary Rodham Clinton

The Times and Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival

Sunday 15 October 2017, 12pm, The Centaur, Cheltenham Racecourse

Tickets £40 and £50 Ticket includes a copy of Hillary Rodham Clinton's new book What Happened (RRP £20).

"In the past, for reasons I try to explain, I've often felt I had to be careful in public, like I was up on a wire without a net. Now I'm letting my guard down."

In this intensely personal and revealing interview, Hillary Rodham Clinton discusses her memoir, *What Happened*. She gives a no-holds barred account of the experience of becoming the first woman nominated for president by a major party in an election marked by rage, sexism, exhilarating highs and infuriating lows, stranger-than-fiction twists, Russian interference, and an opponent who broke all the rules. The election of 2016 was unprecedented and historic. This is a candid account of that campaign and its aftermath from the extraordinary woman in the eye of the storm.

For more information or to buy tickets please visit the Cheltenham Festivals website [HERE](#) or call 01242 850270.

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The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival Press Release [HERE](#)

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The Book

What Happened by Hillary Rodham Clinton is published by Simon & Schuster on 12 September

Please see the press release [HERE](#)

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About Southbank Centre

Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre, occupying a 17-acre site that sits in the midst of London's most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. The site has an extraordinary creative and architectural history stretching back to the 1951 Festival of Britain. Southbank Centre is home to Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery as well as the National Poetry Library and the Arts Council Collection. For further information please visit www.southbankcentre.co.uk. Southbank Centre is carrying out vital restoration work on Hayward Gallery, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room to make the buildings fit for future generations to enjoy, more information can be found here: letthelightin.southbankcentre.co.uk

About Nordic Matters

Nordic Matters is a year-long programme of Nordic art and culture in 2017 at London's Southbank Centre, featuring music, dance, theatre, visual arts, participation, talks and debates, and gastronomy. Chosen from a number of international applicants, Southbank Centre is the sole recipient of a grant from The Nordic Council of Ministers for a new festival celebrating the very best of Nordic art and culture throughout 2017 – one of the biggest cultural-political partnerships of its kind. A particular emphasis will be placed on the idea of play fostering curiosity and creativity, for people of all ages but especially children and young people. Moving beyond popular perceptions of 'Nordic Noir' the programme is designed to embed Nordic culture and artists in Southbank Centre's year-long artistic offer and offer a platform to some of the more 'hidden voices' from Greenland, Åland and the Faroe Islands. www.southbankcentre.co.uk/nordicmatters

About London Literature Festival

Part of Nordic Matters

Friday 13 October – Wednesday 1 November 2017

Southbank Centre's London Literature Festival, now in its 11th year, features twenty days of live readings, performance, talks, debates, visual displays, workshops and music across the site. For the first time, the festival opens with *Poetry International* on its 50th birthday, the biennial festival founded in 1967 by former poet laureate Ted Hughes. London Literature Festival authors and poets will bring their unique reflections on a 'World on the Brink' and explore how literature can help us make sense of a world increasingly caught between extremes. Spearheading this theme is a celebration of Nordic writers and culture, tying in with Southbank Centre's year-long programme *Nordic Matters*. Other highlights include a major project from the National Poetry Library to rescue poetry in endangered languages, the exclusive London launch of the long-awaited sequel to Nelson Mandela's *Long Walk to Freedom* and the return of the *Young Adult Literature Weekender*. Authors and poets appearing throughout the festival include **Philip Pullman, Annie Leibovitz, Tom Hanks, Claudia Rankine, Anne Carson, Karl Ove Knausgård, Tracy Chevalier, David Mitchell, Sjón** and more. Press release [HERE](#).

About The Times and Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival

Friday 6 October – Sunday 15 October 2017

Venues: Montpellier Gardens, Cheltenham Town Hall and various venues Cheltenham, UK
Tens of thousands of book-lovers of all ages, including over 7,000 schoolchildren, will head to Cheltenham in October for the UK's oldest literature festival, for ten days of literary celebration, discussion and debate. Under the umbrella theme: *Who Do We Think We Are?* sessions will cover key questions about British identity and celebrate Britain's rich literary and cultural heritage. Around 1,000 speakers will take part in more than 550 events at the family-friendly Festival Village, in the heart of Regency Cheltenham.

Five Guest Curators will bring fresh perspectives and voices to the Festival. They are: **Will Gompertz**, BBC Arts Editor; **Sarah Moss**, novelist, travel writer and academic; **Robin Niblett**, Director of Chatham House; **Jess Phillips**, Labour MP for Birmingham Yardley; and **Nikesh Shukla**, author, editor and campaigner. For further details see www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature/

- Press and speaker images are here – [Cheltenham Literature Festival press images](#)
- The link to the Main programme is here – [Main brochure](#)
- The link to the Family programme is here – [Family brochure](#)
- For more information about Cheltenham and the surrounding area, including details of local hotels and restaurants, visit www.visitcheltenham.com

About Cheltenham Festivals

The Times and Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival is part of Cheltenham Festivals a registered charity behind the town's internationally acclaimed [Jazz](#), [Science](#), [Music](#) and [Literature](#) Festivals. Through cutting edge and creative programming, Cheltenham's four inspirational festivals have been at the forefront of the UK's cultural scene since the inaugural Music Festival in 1945. By championing the best up-and-coming young talent, celebrating the work of established artists and commissioning unique and surprising performances, Cheltenham Festivals remains a cultural force to be reckoned with.

Schools, young people and Cheltenham's local community can enjoy the Festivals year round through our extensive programme of community and [educational](#) workshops, talks, projects and inspiring activities.