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## EXPANDED BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL OFFERS SEVERAL TICKETED EVENTS

Thursday/Friday events lead up to FREE Saturday festival

(BOSTON) The fifth annual Boston Book Festival, presented in partnership with WBUR, will be held on Oct. 17–19, 2013, in various locations in Copley Square. The featured authors will represent a wide array of programming and include award winners, best-selling authors, renowned scholars, children’s writers, and writers of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

While most of the Festival is free and open to the public there are three ticketed events. Tickets for the three events listed below are on sale now at [www.bostonbookfest.org](http://www.bostonbookfest.org).

**Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.**

**You’re the Expert**

**Boston Common Hotel, Hancock Room**

*You’re the Expert’s* live shows routinely pack the house at the Oberon, and now we’re bringing their brand of brainy comedy to the BBF, with a special book-themed edition! Through games, sketches, and hilariously misguided guesses, comedians **Myq Kaplan**, **Brendan Pelsue**, and **Robert Woo** will try to get to the bottom of what **John Overholt**, Harvard’s Curator of Early Modern Books and Manuscripts, does all day. You won’t want to miss being part of the audience for this live show and podcast taping, hosted by **Chris Duffy**. Tickets are \$10.

**Thursday, Oct. 17, 7:30**

**Writing Terror: An Exploration of Fear**

**Back Bay Events Center**

The Boston Book Festival brings together writers whose work is about terror and terrorism. Whether writing to induce terror or writing about the minds of those who seek to terrify, they plumb the depths of the psyche to explore fear. Former CIA operative **Valerie Plame Wilson** draws on her spy experience in her novel, *Blowback*, while **Mary Louise Kelly**, who covered the intelligence community for NPR, writes about nuclear terrorism in *Anonymous Sources*. Writer, director, producer and actor **Wes Craven** is a master of the thriller, including *Nightmare on Elm Street* and *The Hills Have Eyes*. Terrorism expert **Jessica Stern** comes to the subject with a history of having been terrorized, which she describes in *Denial: A Memoir*. Moderated by *Time* magazine’s political columnist, **Joe Klein**. Sponsored by *Boston Metro*. Tickets are \$12 (lower orchestra) and \$6 (upper orchestra).

**Friday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.**

**Salman Rushdie**

### **Old South Church Sanctuary**

Award-winning novelist and essayist **Salman Rushdie** will present the 2013 keynote address. Rushdie's novels include *The Satanic Verses* and the Booker Prize-winning *Midnight's Children*. Rushdie's most recent work is *Joseph Anton: A Memoir*, which, according to the *New York Times*, "reminds us of his fecund gift for language and his talent for explicating the psychological complexities of family and identity." Hosted by Harvard's **Homi Bhabha**. Sponsored by the *New York Review of Books*. Tickets are \$10.

### **Presenters and hosts scheduled to appear at The Boston Book Festival 2013 include:**

Alysia Abbott, Peter Abrahams, Cheryl Alkon, Steve Almond, Alicia Anstead, Emily Anthes, Jason Anthony, Carlos Arredondo, Tom Ashbrook, Nicholson Baker, Linda Barnes, Mike Barnicle, Douglas Bauer, Deborah Becker, Homi Bhabha, Madeleine Blais, Michael Blanding, David Boeri, Lisa Borders, Jared Bowen, Robin Brenner, Amy Brill, Anthony Brooks, Don Brown, Carol Bundy, Ty Burr, Shelly Dickson Carr, Christopher Castellani, Meghna Chakrabarti, Vishaan Chakrabarti, Sam Wolfe Connelly, Mike Cooper, Cynthia Copeland, Alexandra Coutts, Caleb Crain, Wes Craven, Callie Crossley, Kevin Cullen, Jennifer Cusack, Kristen Daly, Anthony D'Aries, Tomie dePaola, Alan Dershowitz, Kate DiCamillo, Erin Dionne, Andre Dubus III, Chris Duffy, Kelly DuMar, Laurie Edwards, Juan Enriquez, Hallie Ephron, Maya Escobar, Sorche Fairbank, Noah Feldman, Niall Ferguson, Thomas Fleming, Sean Flynn, Michèle Forbes, Margalit Fox, Amity Gaige, Leigh Gallagher, Jack Gantos, Moses Gates, Gary Gentel, Elissa Gershowitz, Nancy Gertner, Regie Gibson, Francesca Gino, Ethan Gilsdorf, Andrew Goldstein, Chris Grabenstein, Charles Graeber, Elizabeth Graver, Jack Gray, Shahla Haeri, Jennifer Hanson, Paul Harding, George Harrar, JoeAnn Hart, Michael Hawley, Lesley Hazleton, Scott Helman, Sara J. Henry, Harold Holzer, Daphne Kalotay, Carla Kaplan, Myq Kaplan, Miriam Karmel, Jessica Keener, Mary Louise Kelly, Joshua Kendall, Douglas Kennedy, Jessica Khoury, Ann Kingman, Joe Klein, Chuck Klosterman, Laura Koenig, Joseph Koerner, Barbara Krauthamer, Charles Krupa, Megan Lambert, Eve LaPlante, Kathryn Lasky, Ann Leary, J. Michael Lennon, Bill Littlefield, Lois Lowry, Lauren Macleod, Alexander Maksik, David Margolick, Megan Marshall, Wendy Mass, Ayana Mathis, Andrew McAfee, Dennis McFarland, Kim McLarin, Claire Messud, Marissa Meyer, Randy Susan Meyers, Leigh Montville, Abelardo Morell, Shahan Mufti, Gregory Nagy, Michael Norton, Bob Oakes, Mirta Ojito, Richard Olivier, Meghan O'Sullivan, John Overholt, Nicole Pasulka, Brendan Pelsue, Tom Perrotta, Sacha Pfeiffer, Henriette Lazaridis Power, Lissa Price, Jamie Quatro, Ladette Randolph, Rishi Reddi, Paul Reynolds, Peter Reynolds, James Robinson, Eileen Rockefeller, Eileen Rosenthal, Marc Rosenthal, Clifford Ross, Salman Rushdie, Jenna Russell, Russ Rymer, Najla Said, Nancy Jo Sales, Jason Schwartz, Laura Vaccaro Seeger, Bob Shea, Anna Staniszewski, Rebecca Stead, Heidi Stemple, Jessica Stern, Maggie Stiefvater, Glenn Stout, Rose Styron, J. Courtney Sullivan, Erin Sunderland, Anthony K. Tjan, Anthony Townsend, Douglas Trevor, Dawn Tripp, Kelley Tuthill, Steve Ulfelder, Craig Venter, Lesley Visser, Mitchell Waters, Nancy Werlin, Maris Wicks, John Taylor (Ike) Williams, Valerie Plame Wilson, Brenda Wineapple, Robert Woo, Monica Wood, Julie Wu, Jane Yolen, and Robin Young

In just five years, The Boston Book Festival has become one of the most anticipated events in the cultural life of the City. The Festival takes advantage of the great architectural treasures in Copley Square, utilizing such venues as Trinity Church, Old South Church, and the Boston Public Library, among others. A street fair in the square features exhibitors, children's activities, and live music throughout the day. Author bios are available at [www.bostonbookfest.org](http://www.bostonbookfest.org). The complete program of events, including times, thematic groupings, and exact locations, will be announced soon.

The fifth annual Boston Book Festival will take place October 17 -19, 2013 in various Copley Square locations. Festival events will include presentations and panels featuring internationally-known writers, scholars, critics, and commentators; programming for children, teens, and families; writing workshops and competitions; outdoor booths; and poetry and music performances. Most events are FREE and open to the public. The Boston Book Festival is produced by the nonprofit organization of the same name and is made possible with the generous support of individual donors and sponsors, including Presenting Partner 90.9 WBUR, Amazon, the Biogen Idec Foundation, Boston Common Hotel, Chitika, Copley Square Hotel, Dunkin' Donuts, The Folio Society, Hachette Book Group, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, the John W. Henry Family Foundation, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Mass Humanities, Other Press, Plymouth Rock Assurance, the Revere Hotel, Simmons College, Target, and Zipcar. For more information, visit [www.bostonbookfest.org](http://www.bostonbookfest.org).

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