

2023 DONOR BROCHURE
CHARLESTON
LITERARY FESTIVAL

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Students enjoy a private luncheon with authors Imani Perry, winner of the National Book Award for Nonfiction, and Margo Jefferson, winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Criticism.



Hernan Diaz (L), Pulitzer Prize finalist for Fiction, meeting Edoardo Ballerini, the world-class narrator of the audiobook of his novel *Trust*, for the first time at a donor party during CLF 2022.



Imani Perry, winner of the National Book Award for Nonfiction, enjoying a conversation with students at a private luncheon at CLF 2022.



Festival supporters and members of the community stand together to hear Prof. Eddie S. Glaude Jr. speak at a special reception during CLF 2022.



INTRODUCTION



Every November, Charleston Literary Festival sets the city abuzz with engaging conversations, lively celebrations, and intimate parties—all dedicated to bringing people together through books and big ideas.

A destination cultural event that takes place over ten days, the Festival's sessions are live discussions designed to provide nuanced perspectives and bring people to moments of revelation.

Distinguished authors with national and international acclaim are joined by interlocutors with specialized knowledge. Both timeless and timely topics are represented; the Festival features books on or related to the arts, race, gender, war, technology, health, history, and many more, ensuring broad appeal.

Attendees can pose questions to authors in real-time, and get up-close with their favorites thanks to post-event book signings.

Festival Donors have an even deeper experience. Whether in the Donor Lounge or at intimate parties throughout the ten-day festival, Donors have the opportunity to meet today's brightest minds in spirited conversation. Donors also proudly sustain the Festival's strategic access initiatives.

In 2022, Festival Donors allowed Charleston Literary Festival to provide thousands of free and discounted tickets to high school and college-aged students. Through an ongoing partnership with educational institutions, students were given private audiences with Geraldine Brooks (Pulitzer Prize winner), Renee Dudley (Pulitzer Prize nominee), Imani Perry (National Book Award winner), Margo Jefferson (Pulitzer Prize winner), and Eddie Glaude (Princeton University professor). Students traveled from across the Southeast to attend—from a high school in Charlotte to a contingent of students from Oakwood University, a HBCU in Huntsville, Alabama.

Join us as a Festival Donor! Champion literary excellence. Embrace new perspectives. Inspire the next generation of authors and thinkers.

PAST SPEAKERS

André Aciman

Elisabeth Griffith

Maggie O'Farrell

Brit Bennet

Yaa Gyasi

Ben Okri

Geraldine Brooks

Geoffrey Harpham

Imani Perry

Tina Brown

Nick Hornby

George Saunders

Jung Chang

Walter Isaacson

Maggie Shipstead

Hernan Diaz

Margo Jefferson

Lionel Shriver

Julian Fellowes

Patrick Radden Keefe

Lisa Taddeo

Richard Ford

Jean Hanff Korelitz

Colm Tóibín

Eddie S. Glaude Jr.

Ian McEwan

Jeannette Winterson

Stephen Greenblatt

Tiya Miles

Carl Zimmer

Madeline Miller

Joyce Carol Oates



PRAISE FROM OUR AUTHORS

“I was having a fantastic weekend at the Charleston Literary Festival, with old friends and new; several of the conversations I had were frankly transformative, and will undoubtedly alter my future work. (I was especially moved by conversations with undergraduate students from Oakwood University, a historically Black college in Huntsville, Alabama, who were in attendance.) And the weather was beautiful.”

— **Imani Perry** | *Published “Unsettled Territory,” Imani Perry’s newsletter for The Atlantic.*

This festival has been a marvelous experience. So beautifully organized and produced, hands down the highest caliber event this year.

— **Elizabeth Williamson**

The Festival is incredible - so brilliantly curated! Was at the Opening Party... loved all and everyone. I’m looking at Charleston real estate online.

— **Marie Brenner**

I was overwhelmed by the quality of authors, the depth of discussion and the engagement of the local community who welcomed me at the Charleston Literary Festival, one of the nation’s great annual book events. Warm hospitality combined with passionate debate makes this a gem of a festival.

— **Jennifer Griffin**

We had a wonderful time and were looked after so well . Adored the hotel. You do it so brilliantly - programming exquisite. Bravo!

— **Tina Brown**

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“From philosophers to philanderers, the Charleston Literary Festival attracts **authors from across the world who challenge, entertain and amuse their audiences** in the glorious setting of historic Charleston.”

Bernard Cornwell

“The Charleston Literary Festival is **The Great Conversation with writers, thinkers and book-lovers of every stripe**. For ten days the worlds of art, science, politics and contemporary thought come alive in the festive culture of Charleston as the audience becomes part of an immense artistic energy.”

Nan Morrison

“The Festival was superb...We felt exhilarated, stimulated, intrigued, challenged...By the end of the week, **I felt as though I were part of a large literary family of sorts**. Talk about a moveable feast!”

Barbara Hagerty

“The Festival is a **journey for the mind which opens new horizons and new depths of knowledge**”.

Alex Pappas

“The **interactive conversations between the authors and the audience add a wonderful zest** to the Charleston Literary Festival which is why we support it. With extraordinary literary and social programming, the Festival remains the highlight on our fall calendar.”

Drs. Jeb Hallett and Linda Austin



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Charleston Literary Festival needs your support to realize our vision to provide a forum for experiencing the transformative power of great literature, ideas and creativity.

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