

CHARLESTON LITERARY FESTIVAL

EMBRACE THE CONVERSATION

2024 DONOR BROCHURE | NOVEMBER 1-10, 2024





Charleston Literary Festival Young Writers Award Director, Jen Comer (L), with First Place Personal Essay Winner, Isabella Nogueira, and Charleston Literary Festival Executive Director, Sarah Moriarty (R)



Author Katherine Rundell in rapt conversation with donors at a Charleston Literary Festival donor brunch



Clinking chalices and soft candlelight at the first-ever CLF Literary Feast spotlighting the work of Bernard Cornwell. (Sold out!)



Students raising their copies of Safiya Sinclair's *How To Say Babylon* - books generously sponsored by a CLF donor



INTRODUCTION



Every November, Charleston Literary Festival sets the city abuzz with ten days of 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 in the historic Dock Street Theatre, the Festival's live sessions offer nuanced discussion and moments of revelation.

Distinguished authors of national and international acclaim join interlocutors with specialized knowledge to cover topics both timely and timeless: the arts, race, gender, war, technology, health, history, and many more. Attendees can pose questions to authors in real time, and get up close with their favorites thanks to post-event book signings.

Festival Donors enjoy an even deeper experience. Whether in the Donor Lounge or at parties held in private homes, meet world class authors in spirited conversation.

Donors proudly sustain the Festival's access initiatives and commitment to diversity through strategic partnerships. The 2023 Festival boasted strong international representation with speakers from over thirteen countries, plus expanded formatting to include a film screening, choral performance, and panel discussion in collaboration with *The Guardian* at Charleston's new International African American Museum. Collaborations with the Mayor's office and Charleston County Public Library ensured free public events and screenings. Hundreds of tickets and dozens of books were sponsored for students and their teachers across the Southeast, while our first ever Charleston Literary Festival Young Writers Award involved area public high schools and featured the original work of winners onstage.

Join us as a Festival Donor! Champion literary excellence. Embrace the conversation and inspire the next generation of authors and thinkers.

PAST SPEAKERS

André Aciman	Yaa Gyasi	Paul Muldoon
Magaret Atwood	Paul Harding	Joyce Carol Oates
Brit Bennet	Geoffrey Harpham	Maggie O'Farrell
Geraldine Brooks	Nick Hornby	Ben Okri
Tina Brown	Walter Isaacson	Imani Perry
Jung Chang	Margo Jefferson	George Saunders
Hernan Diaz	Patrick Radden Keefe	Simon Schama
Julian Fellowes	Claire Keegan	Maggie Shipstead
Richard Ford	Jean Hanff Korelitz	Lionel Shriver
Eddie S. Glaude Jr.	Rebecca Makkai	Lisa Taddeo
Adam Gopnik	Ian McEwan	Colm Tóibín
Stephen Greenblatt	Tiya Miles	Jeannette Winterson
Elisabeth Griffith	Madeline Miller	Carl Zimmer



WHAT OUR AUTHORS & ATTENDEES SAY

It's the best literary festival in the United States!

— **Richard Ford**

Nothing could make me — us! — happier than returning to Charleston. Many thanks again for pursuing this; it was a highlight of our year.

— **Adam Gopnik**

Charleston was absolutely wonderful - my event there was the best of many, many that I did on my fall book tour. The audience was just remarkable.

— **Paul Harding, Booker Prize short-listed author**

I've had the privilege to attend many literary festivals, but this one has a certain gravitas and sizzle that the others do not.

— **David Blight, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian**



DONOR LEVELS AND BENEFITS

PRINCIPAL SPONSOR: \$50,000

- Access to all sessions, donor lounge, and four donor parties, including the Literary Feast
- Includes Executive Director Season Preview Roundtable
- Get first choice to underwrite three author sessions
- Attend a private dinner party with Festival authors

SUSTAINING SPONSOR: \$25,000

- Access for two people to all sessions, donor lounge, and four donor parties, including the Literary Feast
- Includes Executive Director Season Preview Roundtable
- Get earlier choice to underwrite two author sessions
- Attend a private dinner party with Festival authors

EXECUTIVE SPONSOR: \$15,000

- Access for two people to all sessions, donor lounge, and four donor parties, including the Literary Feast
- Includes Executive Director Season Preview Roundtable
- Get early choice to underwrite an author session

SENIOR SPONSOR: \$10,000

- Access for two people to all sessions, donor lounge, and four donor parties, including the Literary Feast
- Includes Executive Director Season Preview Roundtable
- Underwrite an author session

DONOR LEVELS AND BENEFITS

PARTNER SPONSOR: \$5,000

- Access for two people to all sessions, donor lounge, and four donor parties, including the Literary Feast
- Includes Executive Director Season Preview Roundtable

PREMIER SPONSOR: \$2,500

- Access for two people to all sessions, to donor lounge and three parties

FESTIVAL SPONSOR: \$1,500

- Access for one person to all sessions, to donor lounge and three parties

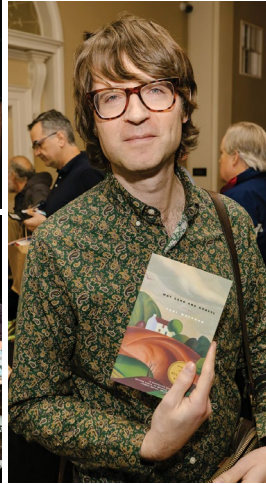
WEEKEND PACKAGE: \$2,500

- Access to all author sessions, donor lounge, and two parties for first or second weekend
- Discounted hotel rooms in historic downtown Charleston
- Literary walking tour: exclusive to Charleston Literary Festival
- Charleston garden tour: exclusive to Charleston Literary Festival
- Personal restaurant concierge service



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Charleston Literary Festival, Inc., is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to building a world-class literary festival that allows people to experience the transformative power of literature, ideas, and conversations.



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