

Press Release:

European Literature Days

Get to Know Literature. Get Together in Wachau.

On the Art of Romance and the Passion for Art

In 2018, the European Literature Days celebrate the tenth anniversary. From 22 to 25 November European cultural artists and culture enthusiasts meet at Schloss Spitz to discuss literature and Europe. Writers and cinematographers join in dialogues with other writers, present readings and film screenings on this year's headline theme "(Un)happy Love – A Tangled Web of Happiness. Narrative in Literature and Film". For the 10th year, the Wachau region is the perfect meeting place for those interested in trans-national cultural exchange.

The Literature Days open again with a debate hosted by **Robert Menasse** with his guest **Richard David Precht**. Under discussion is the topical question: How is the world educated? On Friday, Romanian screenwriter **Razvan Radulescu** shares the platform with Hungarian filmmaker **Ildiko Enyedi**, Austrian screenwriter Kathrin Resetaris and her English counterpart **Olivia Hetreed**. German novelist **Katharina Hacker** inspires the debate with her specially commissioned essay for the Literature Days. The workshop "The Law of the Series" is an incentive to explore the current trend in the entertainment industry across all media and formats. On Saturday evening, German radio journalist **Gerwig Epkes** accompanied by **Nino Haratischwilli**, **Carmen Stephan** and **Madame Nielsen** talks about his guests' new publications.

As in previous years, the fringe programme offers exhibitions and walking tours, concerts and wine tastings – and this year with additional film screenings on "Love and Romance" at the Kino im Kesselhaus Krems. The European literature festival closes on Sunday with the award of the **Austrian Book Trade Honorary Award for Tolerance in Thought and Action** to **Ilija Trojanow**.

Full details of this year's agenda, plus information about tickets and reservations please visit: www.literaturhauseuropa.eu/de

10 Years "European Literature Days"

The annual autumn literature festival held in the Wachau region began in 2009. Its twin themes – 'literature' and 'Europe' – form the basis for annual insightful exchanges and debates involving European writers, academics, critics and an enthusiastic audience – on every occasion with a new angle on a current theme. The festival's agenda and headline themes reflect the topical trends and talking points of European society.

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