

# The London Literature Festival celebrates the written word in all its forms at London's Southbank Centre



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## **Highlights include appearances from Rupert Everett and Audrey Niffenegger**

May 21, 2013, 4:40 am -- [/EPR NETWORK/](#) -- The London Literature Festival begins at the Southbank Centre this month and runs from Monday 20th May to 5th June 2013 and for visitors travelling to London to see the likes of AC Grayling, William Dalrymple, Cerys Matthews and the largest ever gathering of world poets now is the time to book a [London hotel](#) to ensure you don't miss out on these must-see events.

The festival launches with the Man Booker International Prize Readings and includes appearances from high profile speakers like actor and author Rupert Everett who, on Saturday 25th May 2013, talks about being Oscar Wilde, the nature of reputation and his best-selling memoirs, his highly-acclaimed bestseller, Red Carpet and Other Banana Skins, and his new memoir, Vanished Years.

Audrey Niffenegger, bestselling author of The Time Traveler's Wife, discusses her life as a writer and an artist and introduces her latest work, The Raven Girl, an illustrated fairy tale which receives its world premiere in London this month as a ballet for the Royal Opera House choreographed by Wayne McGregor. Raven Girl will be performed in a Mixed Programme with George Balanchine's Symphony in C from 24th May until 8th June 2013 and tickets are still available.

Other high profile personalities appearing at the festival are presenter and writer Melvyn Bragg who launches his new novel, Grace and Mary, at London Literature Festival on Wednesday 22nd May, Tom Dixon who launches his new book, Dixonary, with an illustrated talk on Wednesday 29th May, and Tracey Thorn, one half of the band Everything but the Girl, who talks about her candid memoir Bedsit Disco Queen on Sunday 2nd June 2013.

There's also a chance to see the six shortlisted authors for the Women's Prize for Fiction (previously the Orange Prize), including Hilary Mantel, Barbara Kingsolver and Zadie Smith reading and discussing their work at Queen Elizabeth Hall on Tuesday 4th June 2013.

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