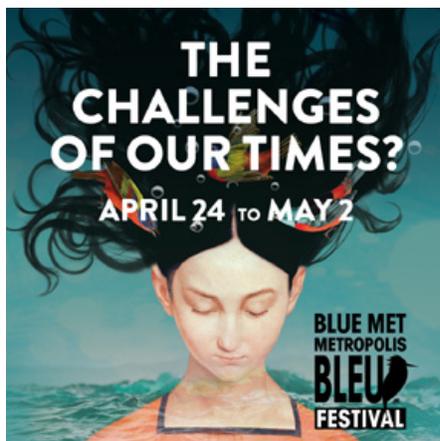


Hold the dates!

Blue Metropolis International Literary Festival

April 24 to May 2, 2021



What are the challenges of our times? Over 100 invited guests answer the call

From **April 24 to May 2** the **Blue Metropolis International Literary Festival** will open its virtual doors for the spring 2021 program, including the **TD-Blue Metropolis Children's Festival**. Over one hundred national and international invitees will tackle the thought-provoking theme: the challenges of our times. There will be over fifty free panels, debates and interviews—complete with fresh points of view on subjects that interest a diverse range of readers and thinkers.

Inspiring events include:

Writers of a wounded Lebanon

Souleymane Bachir Diagne: Africa and the West; pacified memories?

David Grossman: Trenchant Witness

Who are we? Where are we coming from? Indigenous voices of the moment

Life in SLOW motion: the world around the corner

Do writers ever really die? Mathieu Lindon on Hervé Guibert

Javier Cercas: The novel in search of the past/Palabras que profundizan el pasado

All people share the same rights

A teen author's take on loving and supporting a sibling with autism



David Grossman
(Israel)



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(Canada/UK)



Mathieu Lindon
(France)



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Van Camp
(Canada)



Souleymane Bachir
Diagne (Senegal)



Gonçalo M. Tavares
(Portugal)



Mattilda Bernstein
Sycamore
(United States)



Javier Cercas
(Spain)



Thomas Piketty
(France)

Authors to charm youngsters 4 to 12

The TD-Blue Metropolis Children's Festival, now a year-round celebration, offers a family-friendly line-up. [International Children's Book Day](#) is April 2.

For programming and information: bluemetropolis.org/youth/



Jacques Goldstyn
Winner of the 2020
TD Canadian Children's
Literature Award



**Marie-Andrée
Arsenault**
Finalist of the 2020
TD Canadian Children's
Literature Award



Erin Bow
Winner of the 2011
TD Canadian Children's
Literature Award

Complete festival program unveiled on Wed. April 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

For more information: www.bluemetropolis.org/2021festival

Blue Metropolis is one of the largest multilingual literary festivals in North America. For over 20 years, over several days in Montreal, it brings together writers from a number of countries, offering onstage interviews, roundtable discussions, talks, master classes, and reading and writing workshops, all for the pleasure of readers. Each year, the festival is structured around several major themes, demonstrating a commitment to social issues and a keen interest for literature in its infinite variety.

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Full press release to follow

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