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Come to the Literary Lawn Party—August 18, 2018!

MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL



**Welty Foundation Brings
Salman Rushdie to Festival**

Provocative and unconventional, Salman Rushdie is not known for doing things by the book – and we are thrilled to announce that he will be joining the festival line-up as a guest of the Eudora Welty Foundation. You don't want to miss this larger-than-life writer, visionary, social commentator and, as he puts it, "citizen of the world" when he visits Mississippi's very own literary lawn party on August 18!

Acclaimed author of 13 novels and winner of the Booker Prize for *Midnight's Children*, Rushdie had the honor of delivering the inaugural Eudora Welty Lecture at the Washington National Cathedral in the nation's capital in 2016. Holmes Adams, Chairman of the Eudora Welty Foundation, expressed his delight that the Foundation is bringing Rushdie to the Mississippi Book Festival. "The Eudora Welty Foundation's primary purpose is to preserve the literary legacy of Eudora Welty," he said. "The Welty Foundation fulfills that purpose by encouraging and supporting both writers and readers. The Eudora Welty Foundation is pleased to partner with the Mississippi Book Festival by hosting Mr. Rushdie."

"Writing is as close as we get to keeping a hold on the . . . things . . . that go on slipping, like sand, through our fingers."

– Salman Rushdie, *Imaginary Homelands* –

Holly Lange, executive director of the festival, said the literary event's partnership with the Welty Foundation "represents our mutual commitment to preserving our literary legacy and promoting our literary future," and added that "the Mississippi Book Festival wants to share our own literary talent with the world and bring the outside world to Mississippi. We are pleased that the Welty Foundation has been supportive of our efforts from the beginning. We are very pleased to make this announcement on Eudora's birthday!"

Rushdie's lecture at the Mississippi Book Festival will highlight his "own start in the writing game." This will be a popular event, so plan now to be a part of this experience!

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