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BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2014 FULL AUTHOR LINE-UP FEATURING OVER 200 PRESENTERS IN COPLEY SQUARE, OCTOBER 23-25, 2014

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September 3, 2014 – [Boston, MA] Boston Book Festival organizers, in partnership with WBUR, Boston's NPR News Station, proudly announce the full author line-up for the upcoming 2014 Boston Book Festival. Sessions, including topics, locations, and times, will be announced in early October.

"We're thrilled to have so many wonderful authors joining the festival this fall," says Boston Book Festival Founder/Executive Director Deborah Porter. "This year's festival features a vast array of keynote speakers, presenters, and topics in areas of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and children's literature."

"WBUR," says General Manager Charlie Kravetz, "is once again proud to be the presenting partner of the Boston Book Festival. Boston is a books-minded city, filled with smart, educated people who love to read. The festival takes it a step further--readers see authors in person, hear discussions on relevant topics, and engage with ideas and the community. WBUR is honored for so many of our on-air personalities to serve as moderators, taking their lively on-air conversations live in Copley Square."

Presenters and hosts scheduled to appear at Boston Book Festival 2014

Steve Almond, Geeta Anand, Scott Anderson, Ulka Anjaria, Alicia Anstead, Paola Antontelli, Tom Ashbrook, Helene Atwan, Benjamin Barber, Matthew Battles, Alex Beam, Deborah Becker, Jacqueline Bhabha, Kevin Birmingham, Holly Black, Michael Blanding, Gabriella Blum, Charlotte Boulay, Jared Bowen, Jennifer Finney Boylan, Ben Bradlee Jr., Hiawatha Bray, Anthony Brooks, Roger Brown, Rafael Campo, Jay Cantor, Nicholas Carr, Christopher Castellani, Soman Chainani, Vikram Chandra, Dan Chiasson, Cassandra Clare, Jaime Clarke, Bob Clawson, Leah Hager Cohen, Maureen Corrigan, Marc Crépon, Vicki Croke, Callie Crossley, Ray Daniel, Stanislas Dehaene, Jennifer De Leon, Daniel Dennett, Stacey D'Erasmo, C. Desir, Anna Dewdney, Ursula DeYoung, Tony DiTerlizzi, Judith Donath, Norah Dooley, Paul Durham, Elisabeth Elo, Sorche Fairbank, Sara Farizan, Kate Flora, Katherine Flynn, Rory Flynn, Elena Foster, Norman Foster, Howard Gardner, Johanna Geary, Peter Georgescu, Matthew Gilbert, Ethan Gilsdorf, William Giraldi, Joshua Glenn, Laura Godwin, Carey Goldberg, Meredith Goldstein, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Joshua Greene, H. D. S. Greenway, S. E. Grove, Jennifer Haigh, Herbie Hancock, Paul Harding, Michael Hawley, Julie Hennrikus, Jeremy Hobson, Carl Hoffman, Richard Hoffman, Doug Holder, Michelle Hoover, Margo Howard, Sterling Hundley, John Edward Huth, Major Jackson, Paul Jankowski, Alden Jones, Daniel Jones, Peniel Joseph, Calestous Juma, Hester Kaplan, Kirun

Kapur, Arlene Kay, Susanna Kaysen, Jessica Keener, Brendan Kiely, A. S. King, Lily King, Christopher Klein, Laura Koenig, Joseph Koerner, Stephanie Kuehn, Jessica Lander, Ellen Langer, Marian Lanouette, Sarah Lewis, Lawrence Lindner, Bill Littlefield, Andrea Lovett, Christopher Lydon, Kenneth Mack, Gregory Maguire, Edith Maxwell, Ann M. Martin, Andrew McAfee, David McCullough Jr., Jill McDonough, Rebecca Mead, Askold Melnyczuk, Thomas Menino, Cathryn Mercier, Claire Messud, Ben Mezrich, Michael J. Epstein Memorial Library, Sue Miller, Katie Smith Milway, Susan Minot, Tova Mirvis, E. B. Moore, Bradford Morrow, Doug Most, Liz Mugavero, Yannick Murphy, Celeste Ng, Bob Oakes, Lauren Oliver, Dayo Olopade, Qais Akbar Omar, Joseph O'Neill, ZZ Packer, Leslie Pell van Breen, Leigh Perry, Sacha Pfeiffer, Timothy Phillips, Rebecca Podos, Jason Pontin, Lana Popovic, Henriette Lazaridis Power, Robert C. Pozen, George Prochnik, Patti Quigley, Kate Racculia, Joanna Rakoff, Wendy Ranan, Chris Raschka, Belinda Rathbone, Jean-Claude Redonnet, Edgard Telles Ribeiro, Rick Riordan, Dan Rivera, David Rose, Helen Rosenfeld, Barbara Ross, Jenna Russell, Bob Ryan, Pasi Sahlberg, Jeffrey Schnapp, James Scott, David Sengeh, Jennifer Senior, Kathleen Spivack, Wesley Stace, David Ezra Stein, Kim Stolz, Peter Stothard, Jaaka Stucky, Elizabeth Suneby, Roger Sutton, Jan Swafford, Peter Swanson, Vikas Swarup, Neil Swidey, Maria Tatar, Max Tegmark, Jeanne Theoharis, Hervé This, Rupert Thomson, Anthony Tjan, Tony Toledo, Dawn Tripp, Miles Unger, Martin Walsh, Annie Weatherwax, Scott Westerfeld, Alan White, Jay Winter, Meg Wolitzer, Lisa Wong, and Robin Young.

**More presenters may be added, and the line-up is subject to change.*

Boston Book Festival 2014 Keynote Presenters
The sixth annual Boston Book Festival features five keynote presenters:

Norman Foster, Saturday, October 25, 4pm, Trinity Church Sanctuary, 206 Clarendon Street
Lord Norman Foster is one of the greatest architects of the twenty-first century. His designs, which demonstrate the high-tech marriage of aesthetic form and function, have earned him architecture's greatest honors, including the Pritzker Architecture Prize, two Stirling Prizes, an RIBA Gold Medal and an AIA Gold Medal. He will be interviewed by Paola Antonelli, senior curator of the Department of Architecture and Design at MoMA.

Doris Kearns Goodwin, Saturday, October 25, Location TBA
Doris Kearns Goodwin is an award-winning journalist, political commentator, and historian. A former White House Fellow, Goodwin has written biographies of numerous presidents, most notably, *Team of Rivals* and the 1995 Pulitzer Prize-winning *No Ordinary Time*. Kirkus calls her most recent book, *The Bully Pulpit*, a "notable, psychologically charged study in leadership." She will be interviewed by Tom Ashbrook, host of *On Point* on WBUR 90.9FM.

Herbie Hancock, Thursday, October 23, 8pm, Old South Church Sanctuary, 645 Boylston Street
Herbie Hancock is an iconic pianist, bandleader, and composer who, through his experimentation with elements from various musical genres, helped to reconceptualize and popularize jazz. In addition to thirteen other Grammy wins, Hancock collected the 2008 Grammy Award for Album of the Year for *River: The Joni Letters*, only the second jazz album ever to attain this honor. Currently on the music faculty at UCLA, Hancock recently completed his forthcoming memoir *Herbie Hancock: Possibilities*. He will be interviewed by Roger Brown, president of Berklee College of Music.

Susan Minot, Friday, October 24, Location TBA
Susan Minot is an award-winning novelist and short story writer. Her works include *Monkeys, Rapture, Lust & Other Stories, Folly,* and *Evening*, which she and Michael Cunningham adapted into a screenplay for a 2007 feature film starring Meryl Streep. The 1996 abduction of Ugandan schoolgirls by the Lord's Resistance Army provided the motivation for her latest novel, *Thirty Girls*, which *The New York Times* recently wrote, "takes huge questions and examines them with both a delicate touch and a clear-eyed, unyielding scrutiny." She will be interviewed by Dayo Olopade, author of *The Bright Continent*.

Rick Riordan, Saturday, October 25, Location TBA
Rick Riordan is a *New York Times* bestselling author of several series focusing on ancient mythologies and epic adventure for middle grade readers: the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, the Kane Chronicles, and the Heroes of Olympus series. Riordan began writing children's literature after creating *The Lightning Thief* as a bedtime story for his eldest son. The highly anticipated fifth and final installment of Riordan's Heroes of Olympus series, *The Blood of Olympus*, will be published in October 2014.

Boston Book Festival 2014 One City One Story
"One City One Story," says Deborah Porter, Boston Book Festival Founder and Executive Director, "is the BBF's version of an all-city read, but instead of a full book, we print and distribute a short story. Our goal is to make a short story available to all, free of charge, to spread the joy of reading for pleasure among the teens and adults of our city, and to create a community around a shared reading experience."

The fifth annual **One City One Story** selection for 2014 is "Sublimation" by award-winning Boston author Jennifer Haigh. Recently published in the spring 2014 edition of *Ploughshares* (the award-winning literary magazine published by Emerson College), "Sublimation" explores the intergenerational dynamics of one family as they tackle topics of gender nonconformity, emotional connection, and the existential crises that accompany aging.

"Boston Book Festival," continues Porter, "celebrates the power of words to promote a culture of literature and ideas and to enhance the vibrancy of the city of Boston. In 2010 we launched One City One Story to do just that. The program, embraced by Boston readers, has evolved over the past five years, from online reading groups to town hall public story discussions, to public writing contests and library discussions – leading up to a focused author session, hosted by acclaimed writer and educator Alicia Anstead, at the Boston Book Festival in October."

"WBUR considers itself a hub of critical thinking for Boston listeners," shares WBUR General Manager Charlie Kravetz, "and the Boston Book Festival's One City One Story program invites readers and listeners to read "Sublimation" by Jennifer Haigh, a thought-provoking story that's sure to inspire reflection and dialogue within our Boston communities."

One City One Story is sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts and Zipcar, allowing for 30,000 copies of the story, in both English and Spanish, to be printed by the Boston Book Festival and distributed free of charge at the Boston Public Library and branches, various MBTA stations, and public arts and cultural events beginning in early September. It will also be available for download at www.bostonbookfestival.org in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, Mandarin, and Portuguese.

About Boston Book Festival

The Boston Book Festival is produced by the nonprofit organization of the same name, celebrating the power of words to stimulate, agitate, unite, delight, and inspire by holding year-round events culminating in an annual, free Festival promoting a culture of reading and ideas and enhancing the vibrancy of Boston.

Boston Book Festival events include presentations and panels featuring internationally-known writers, scholars, critics, and commentators; programming for children, teens, and families; writing workshops and competitions; outdoor booths/marketplace; and music/poetry performances. Most events are free and open to the public. The featured authors represent a wide array of programming and include award winners, best-selling authors, renowned scholars, children's writers, and writers of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

In just six years, the Boston Book Festival has become one of the most anticipated events in the cultural life of the City of Boston, taking advantage of and celebrating the many architectural treasures in Copley Square, including historic buildings like Trinity Church, Old South Church, and others.

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