

Guest of Honor Cairo 2024 Norwegian literary program

Our venues:

Norwegian stand: Hall 3 B35

Guest of Honor Hall (GoH Hall)

In the Plaza Building between Hall 3 and Hall 4,
take the escalator to 1st floor.

Outdoor stage

Children's Hall

Square outside

All events are in Arabic
or with translation into Arabic.

Thursday, January 25th

14:00 Opening of the Norwegian stand.
With HRH Crown Princess of Norway and Jostein Gaarder. Norwegian stand

14:30 Sparking the joy of reading. Opening remarks by HRH Crown Princess of Norway Mette-Marit followed by conversation between Dr. Ahmed Bahi and Jostein Gaarder. GoH Hall

17:00 How do we make children care? On environment issues and children's literature with Jostein Gaarder and Nadia Elmasry. Moderator: Nardeen El-Atrouzy. GoH Hall

Friday, January 26th

15:00 The Nile. Short book presentation by Terje Tvedt. Norwegian stand

16:00 A Journey in the history of the Nile. Lecture by Terje Tvedt based on his book. GoH Hall

17:00 The history of the Nile. Terje Tvedt in conversation with Mustafa Ebeid. GoH Hall

Saturday, January 27th

13:00 Love. Short book presentation by Hanne Ørstavik. Norwegian stand

14:00 Edvard Munch: Life Expressions. An introduction to the life and art of Edvard Munch by Josephine Langebrekke/MUNCH. Norwegian stand

16:00 Mahfouz with Norwegian eyes. Short lecture by Hanne Ørstavik followed by conversation with Nora Nagi on Naguib Mahfouz. GoH Hall

17:00 Love - a Norwegian family story. Hanne Ørstavik on her authorship. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. GoH Hall

Sunday, January 28th

13:00 Translating landscape. On Roy Jacobsen's books in Arabic. Mohammad Habeeb in conversation with Bashir Hijazi. Norwegian stand

16:00-18:00 Seminar for publishing professionals. Panel discussions: AI: Challenges and possibilities for the publishing world. Norwegian literature and the Arab world, Arabic publishers and Norwegian agents et.al. GoH hall

Monday, January 29th

13:00 Crash course on Ibsen with Dr. Nina Marie Evensen. Norwegian stand

14:00 The dark dance. Mohammad Al Mofty. Norwegian stand

16:00 Ibsen on the global stage. 30-minute lecture by Dr. Nina Marie Evensen followed by panel conversation on translating Henrik Ibsen's plays into Arabic with Sherin A. Wahab. GoH Hall

17:00 The dark dance. Mohammad Al Mofty in conversation with editor in chief Hoda Fadl. GoH Hall

Tuesday, January 30th

12:00 Jon Fosse in a nutshell. Margit Walsø on the Nobel Prize Laureate. Norwegian Stand

13:00 That's enough now! Critique of the western neo-liberalism. Linn Stalsberg in conversation with Sherin A. Wahab. Norwegian stand

14:00 Boats on an ocean. Poetry of Jon Fosse read by Nesma Elborai, accompanied by Mohamed Abozekry on oud. Outdoor stage

15:00 The significance of silence - Jon Fosse as a playwright. Translator Mohamed Habeeb on Fosse's plays. Norwegian stand

16:00 Jon Fosse's writing between mysticism and Sufism. Saad El Qersh and Mansoura Ez Eldin. Moderated by Sherin A. Wahab. GoH Hall

17:00 What is neo-liberalism and why it is important to know. Linn Stalsberg in conversation with Mohamad Al Baaly and Elham Eidarous. GoH hall

Wednesday, January 31st

12:00 Reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic and film: Monsters from the North/Dunderly. Endre Lund Eriksen/Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Children's Hall

12:00 How to skateboard: Crash course for beginners with Steffen Sørum, Eldrid Johansen, Christina Larsen. Square outside

12:45 Reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic: Johnny 777. Bjørn Sortland/Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Children's Hall

13:00 Jørn Lier Horst on his crime fiction novels. Norwegian stand

13:30 Reading aloud Arabic: Norwegian Folk Tales. Basheer Hijazi. Children's Hall

14:00 Girls skate - meet the authors behind the books. Steffen Sørum and Eldrid Johansen. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. Norwegian stand

14:30 About the Norwegian Institute for Children's Books. Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Norwegian stand

16:00 Nordic Noir and the rising interest for crime fiction in Egypt. Jørn Lier Horst and Ashraf El-Ashmawi. GoH Hall

17:00 Trends in Norwegian Children's Literature. Endre Lund Eriksen, Jørn Lier Horst, Liv Marit Weberg, Bjørn Sortland and Steffen Sørum. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. GoH Hall

Thursday, February 1st

12:00-14:00 How to skateboard - crash course for beginners with Steffen Sørum, Eldrid Johansen, Christina Larsen. Square outside

12:00 Reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic, pictures on screen: It wasn't me! said Robin Hound. Alice Lima de Faria/Dina Soliman. Children's Hall

12:45 Reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic: Let the forest live. Nora Dåsnes/Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Children's Hall

13:30 Reading aloud in Arabic: Norwegian Folk Tales. Basheer Hijazi. Children's Hall

14:00 Meet the Norwegian author Bjørn Sortland. Moderator: Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Norwegian stand

14:30 About the Oslo Public Library Deichman with Siri Tidemann Naalsund. Moderator: Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Norwegian stand

16:00 The illustrator's role and position in Norway. Nora Dåsnes and Alice Lima de Faria. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. GoH Hall

17:00 Educating writers, studies, and challenges. Endre Lund Eriksen, Alice Lima de Faria, Steffen Sørum and Liv Marit Weberg. Moderator: Nardeen El-Atrouzy. GoH Hall

Friday, February 2nd

14:00 Reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic, pictures on screen: The Animal Detectives. Endre Lund Eriksen/Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Children's Hall

14:00 Meet the Norwegian illustrator Alice Lima de Faria. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. Norwegian stand

14:30 Meet the Norwegian author Liv Marit Weberg. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. Norwegian stand

14:30 How to skateboard: Crash course for beginners with Steffen Sørum, Eldrid Johansen, Christina Larsen. Square outside

14:45 Reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic: Johnny777. Bjørn Sortland/Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Children's Hall

15:30 Reading aloud in Arabic: Norwegian Folk Tales. Basheer Hijazi. Children's Hall

15:30 Norwegian songs: Eldrid Johansen. Musician: Rami Atallah. Outdoor stage

16:00 The Norwegian institute for Children's Books and Oslo Public Library Deichman: Working with diversity, multilingual work, and collections: Endre Lund Eriksen, Siri Tidemann-Naalsund and Norhan Rashad. Moderator: Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. GoH Hall

17:00 Sustainability and climate change in children's literature: Nora Dåsnes and Nadia Elmasry. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. GoH Hall

Saturday, February 3rd

12:00 Drawing game/reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic: It wasn't me! said Robin Hound. Alice Lima de Faria/Dina Soliman. Children's Hall

12:30 Mini concert Norwegian songs: Eldrid Johansen. Musician: Rami Atallah. Outdoor stage

12:45 Reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic: The Journey. Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki/Sherin A. Wahab. Children's Hall

13:30 Reading aloud in Arabic: Norwegian Folk Tales. Basheer Hijazi. Children's Hall

14:00 Meet the Norwegian author Endre Lund Eriksen. Moderator: Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Norwegian stand

14:30 Meet the Norwegian author Eldrid Johansen. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. Norwegian stand

16:00 Illustrators meeting: Visual communication in Egypt and Norway: Nora Dåsnes, Alice Lima de Faria and Moustapha Hewidy. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. GoH Hall

17:00 Humor in children's literature: Endre Lund Eriksen, Liv Marit Weberg and Bjørn Sortland and Weeam Ahmed Mahmood. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. GoH Hall

Sunday, February 4th

12:00 Reading aloud Sámi/Arabic Karen Anne Buljo/Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Children's Hall

12:45 Reading aloud Sámi/Arabic Marit Alette Utsi/Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Children's Hall

13:00 Concert with Karen-Anne Buljo performing within the traditional Sámi music genre "joik". Outdoor stage

13:30 Reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic: Girlskate. Steffen Sørum/Dina Soliman/Rana Soliman. Children's Hall

14:00 Meet the Sámi author Karen Anne Buljo. Moderator: Endre Lund Eriksen. Norwegian stand

14:30 Meet the Sámi author Marit Alette Utsi. Moderator: Endre Lund Eriksen. Norwegian stand

14:30 How to skateboard: Crash course for beginners with Steffen Sørum, Eldrid Johansen, Christina Larsen. Square outside

16:00 Sámi children's literature and culture: Karen Anne Buljo and Marit Alette Utsi - lecture. GoH Hall

17:00 Sámi children's literature and the oral narrative Karen Anne Buljo and Marit Alette Utsi. Moderator: Endre Lund Eriksen. GoH Hall

Monday, February 5th

12:00 Drawing workshop/reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic Alice Lima de Faria/Dina Soliman. Children's Hall

12:45 Reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic: Girlskate and Pharaoh's curse. Eldrid Johansen, Dina Soliman, Rana Soliman. Children's Hall

13:00 Concert with Karen Anne Buljo: traditional Sámi music genre "joik". Outdoor stage

13:30 Reading aloud Norwegian/Arabic reading: Johnny 777. Bjørn Sortland/Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. Children's Hall

14:00 Meet the author Steffen Sørum. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. Norwegian stand

14:30 Meet the Norwegian Illustrator Nora Dåsnes. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. Norwegian stand

16:00 The Arabic in Norwegian Children's literature: Steffen Sørum, Bjørn Sortland, Eldrid Johansen, Sherin A. Wahab. Moderator: Nisrin Maktabi-Barkouki. GoH Hall

17:00 Writers' meeting: Egyptian and Norwegian writers. Endre Lund Eriksen, Liv Marit Weberg, Eldrid Johansen, Bjørn Sortland, Steffen Sørum, Weeam Ahmed Mahmood and Norhan Rashad. Moderator: Sherin A. Wahab. GoH Hall

