

Guernsey Literary Festival announces an exciting speaker list for 2025



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The Guernsey Literary Festival, one of the Channel Islands' biggest annual celebrations of the arts, has announced its full speaker list for 2025. From local author **Dawn Porter** to musician **Jordan Stephens**, TV presenter **Patrick Grant** and human rights campaigner **Baroness Shami Chakrabarti**, the star-studded lineup will cover topics from music and entertainment to food, health, poetry, sport, politics and more.

The full list comes after the major speakers were revealed last month, including Michelin star chef and television presenter **Tom Kerridge**, garden designer **Adam Frost**, award-winning novelist and memoirist **Kit de Waal** and singer-songwriter and author **Roxanne de Bastion**.

Speaking on the lineup, **Festival Director Claire Allen** said that she is delighted with the range of speakers and events they have this year and thinks there is something for everybody.

"As well as our many main speakers, we have a selection of local author events and writing workshops, an international poetry competition, and outreach activities in care homes and the prison. We are excited to offer a variety of family events, a school's programme and a writing competition for local students."

Please see below for highlights from the speaker lineup.

- Great British Sewing Bee TV presenter **Patrick Grant** on his book *Less: Stop Buying So Much Rubbish - How Having Fewer, Better Things Can Make Us Happier*
- Human rights campaigner **Baroness Shami Chakrabarti** on her book *Human Rights - The Case for the Defence* and the historic national and international struggles for human rights
- **Jordan Stephens**, musician and actor, will open up about his ADHD diagnoses, navigating fame and his #IAMWHOLE mental health campaign which reached over 120 million people online and was mentioned in the Houses of Parliament
- Sport and resilience will be discussed by double Paralympic winner and Strictly Come Dancing contestant **Jonnie Peacock**, following his book *You Can Do Anything!*
- *Raising Hare* is **Chloe Dalton's** story of returning to the countryside of her childhood, where she finds herself custodian of a newly born hare; Chloe will discuss the book tied to rekindling a sense of awe towards nature and wildlife
- Guernsey local **Dawn Porter** will talk about her latest novel, *Honeybee*, a story about two best friends that is set on the island
- Journalist **Jon Soper** will be talking about *Strangeland - How Britain Stopped Making Sense* and after eight years of political reporting will be examining the new post-Brexit with fresh eyes

For the full list of speakers, please visit: <https://guernseyliteraryfestival.com/speakers>

The full programme for the 2025 Guernsey Literary Festival is also available on the festival website guernseyliteraryfestival.com. Tickets are now on sale to the general public.

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With flight times from the UK as little as 40 minutes and ferry sailings from three hours, visitors can opt to take the ferry over the Channel from Poole or Portsmouth or fly directly from the UK with Aurigny. Aurigny operates year-round direct flights to Guernsey from London, Southampton, and other regional airports. www.aurigny.com. Blue Islands offers multiple flights to Guernsey per day from Jersey and Southampton, plus daily flights from Newcastle and Edinburgh via Southampton. www.blueislands.com

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