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ANNOUNCING THE 18TH ANNUAL NEW YORKER FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 6-8, IN NEW YORK CITY

Featuring Chelsea Manning, Preet Bharara, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Ai Weiwei, Seth Meyers, Ava DuVernay, Nathan Lane, Glenn Close, Senator Al Franken, Jon Hamm, Carly Rae Jepsen, Anthony Bourdain, Tracee Ellis Ross, Sofia Coppola, Kumail Nanjiani, Dries Van Noten, John Turturro, Naomi Klein, Colson Whitehead, Laura Marling, Ryan Murphy, Rachel Weisz, Edward St. Aubyn, Rob Reiner, Robert Caro, Jennifer Egan, Edwidge Danticat, Mohsin Hamid, James Clapper, Diana Nyad, The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II, and more than a hundred others

NEW YORK –September 5, 2017 – On October 6, 7, and 8, 2017, *The New Yorker* will present its eighteenth festival, an annual celebration that brings the breadth and the spirit of the magazine to life across New York City. Over three days, *New Yorker* writers and editors will sit down with the world's leading writers, artists, filmmakers, actors, comedians, politicians, activists, and athletes. The foremost cultural event of the fall will also feature live performances, film previews, and excursions throughout New York City.

New Yorker Festival events sell out quickly every year, drawing nearly twenty thousand people from around the world. Below is the program lineup, in brief. Further details about the events are available at festival.newyorker.com and on the New Yorker Festival app, available for iPhone and Android devices.

To request press credentials, please e-mail Adrea_Piazza@newyorker.com and specify which event(s) you are interested in covering.

This year's one-on-one interviews include:

- The trans-rights activist and former U.S. intelligence analyst **Chelsea Manning** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Larissa MacFarquhar**.
- The comedian **Jerry Seinfeld** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **David Remnick**.
- The former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York **Preet Bharara** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Jeffrey Toobin**.
- The writer **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **David Remnick**.
- The Chinese contemporary artist and activist **Ai Weiwei** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Evan Osnos**.
- The comedian, actor, and television host **Seth Meyers** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Ariel Levy**.
- The director and screenwriter **Ava DuVernay** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Jelani Cobb**.
- The actor and writer **Nathan Lane** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Michael Schulman**.
- The chef and author **Anthony Bourdain** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Patrick Radden Keefe**.
- The actor and producer **Glenn Close** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Michael Schulman**.
- Senator **Al Franken** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **David Remnick**.
- The actor, director, and producer **Jon Hamm** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Susan Morrison**.

- The actor **Tracee Ellis Ross** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Doreen St. Félix**.
- The screenwriter, director, and producer **Sofia Coppola** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Richard Brody**.
- The comedian, actor, and writer **Kumail Nanjiani** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Emma Allen**.
- The fashion designer **Dries Van Noten** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Dana Goodyear**.
- The actor, writer, and director **John Turturro** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Hilton Als**.
- The screenwriter, director, and producer **Ryan Murphy** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Emily Nussbaum**.
- The actor **Rachel Weisz** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Hilton Als**.
- The writers and *New Yorker* contributors **Robert Caro** and **Colm Tóibín** in conversation.
- The cartoonist and illustrator **Barry Blitt** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Françoise Mouly**.
- The writers and *New Yorker* contributors **Sherman Alexie** and **Mary Karr** in conversation.
- The former chief technology officer of Microsoft and co-founder and C.E.O. of Intellectual Ventures, **Nathan Myhrvold**, in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Michael Specter** about baking bread the modernist way. (Includes a bread tasting.)
- The writer **Edward St. Aubyn** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Ian Parker**.
- The comedian, actor, and writer **Hasan Minhaj** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Vinson Cunningham**.
- The artistic director at the Public Theatre, **Oskar Eustis**, in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Rebecca Mead**.
- The writer, activist, and journalist **Naomi Klein** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Jia Tolentino**.
- The incoming poetry editor of *The New Yorker*, **Kevin Young**, in conversation with the outgoing poetry editor, **Paul Muldoon**.
- The chef and writer **Yotam Ottolenghi** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Jane Kramer**.
- The writer **John McPhee** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Peter Hessler**.

The program will feature talks on a variety of subjects:

- The **Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II** on reclaiming our values, with an introduction from *The New Yorker's* **Jelani Cobb**.
- *The New Yorker's* **Atul Gawande** on how health-insurance coverage saves lives.
- *The New Yorker's* **Ben Taub** on smugglers, jihadis, and spies.

There will be conversations accompanied by musical performances, including:

- The musician **Carly Rae Jepsen** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **Amanda Petrusich**.
- The musician **Laura Marling** in conversation with *The New Yorker's* **John Seabrook**.

And sneak previews and performances:

- A preview screening of the comedy-drama “The Meyerowitz Stories (New and Selected),” starring Adam Sandler, Emma Thompson, Ben Stiller, and Dustin Hoffman. Followed by a conversation between the film’s director, **Noah Baumbach**, and *The New Yorker's* **Susan Morrison**.

- A preview screening of the upcoming biopic of President Lyndon B. Johnson, “LBJ,” starring Woody Harrelson. Followed by a conversation between the film’s director, **Rob Reiner**, and *The New Yorker’s* **Lawrence Wright**.

Panel discussions on a wide array of subjects will include:

- “All the President’s Reporters,” a discussion on the challenges and the unique opportunities journalists face covering President Donald J. Trump, featuring the *Times* reporter **Jo Becker**; the investigative journalist and writer **Carl Bernstein**; the national-security correspondent for the *Washington Post* **Greg Miller**; and *The New Yorker’s* **Jane Mayer**. Moderated by *The New Yorker’s* **David Rohde**.
- “Alternative Histories,” a panel discussion with fiction writers on reimagining the past today, featuring the writers **Jennifer Egan**, **George Saunders**, and **Colson Whitehead**. Moderated by *The New Yorker’s* **Deborah Treisman**.
- “Fearless!” a panel discussion on living life over the edge, featuring the rock climber **Alex Honnold**, the skydiver **Roberta Mancino**, the long-distance swimmer **Diana Nyad**, and the high-wire artist **Philippe Petit**. Moderated by *The New Yorker’s* **David Grann**.
- “It Happened Here,” a panel discussion on the forces that led America to elect Donald Trump President of the United States, and a look at how they’re shaping where we’re headed, featuring *The New Yorker’s* **Jelani Cobb**; the political and digital-media strategist **Mindy Finn**; the writer and professor emerita of sociology at U.C. Berkeley **Arlie Hochschild**; and the Republican political strategist and writer **Rick Wilson**. Moderated by *The New Yorker’s* **Dorothy Wickenden**.
- “North Korea: The Most Dangerous Place in the World,” a panel discussion on the nation-state and the danger it poses to those who live within and beyond its borders, featuring the former U.S. director of national intelligence **James Clapper**, the political analyst **Robert E. Kelly**, the writer **Suki Kim**, the former C.I.A. senior analyst **Sue Mi Terry**, and the Ambassador **Wendy Sherman**. Moderated by *The New Yorker’s* **Evan Osnos**.
- “P.T.S.D. with Andy Borowitz and Friends,” a super-frank conversation on living life with Post-Trump Stress Disorder, featuring the comedians **Jessi Klein**, **Dean Obeidallah**, and **Baratunde Thurston**. Hosted by *The New Yorker’s* **Andy Borowitz**.
- “The Canon and Me,” a panel discussion on when classical and contemporary literature meet life, featuring the author of “Reading Lolita in Tehran,” **Azar Nafisi**, and the *New Yorker* contributor **Daniel Mendelsohn**. Moderated by *The New Yorker’s* **Leo Carey**.
- “The Golden Door,” a panel discussion on the immigrant experience as seen through fiction, featuring the writers **Edwidge Danticat**, **Mohsin Hamid**, and **Viet Nguyen**. Moderated by *The New Yorker’s* **Cressida Leyshon**.
- “Pete Holmes and Friends,” an event featuring the comedian, actor, writer, producer, and podcaster **Pete Holmes**, and friends, to be announced. Moderated by *The New Yorker’s* **Andrew Marantz**.

This year’s About Town excursions, which offer a curated look at New York City culture, are:

- A tour of the Frick before public hours begin, led by *The New Yorker’s* art critic **Peter Schjeldahl**.
- The fifteenth-annual walk from Greenwich Village to Chinatown, led by *The New Yorker’s* **Calvin Trillin**, with stops at his favorite eateries along the way.

Mastercard® is the presenting sponsor of the New Yorker Festival. The festival is also sponsored by Qualcomm Incorporated, Jaguar Land Rover, Bermuda Tourism Authority, and HBO/“Curb Your Enthusiasm.” Pre-event sponsor offerings and on-site experiences include:

- As a special offer for Mastercard cardholders, tickets to all festival events will be available a day before the general sale, at 11 A.M. E.T. on Thursday, September 7th, at newyorker.com/festival. Tickets to select venues may include preferred seating and early theatre access when festival-goers use their Mastercard to purchase. (While supplies last; first come, first served.)
- Qualcomm débuts a series of short films by three award-winning filmmakers, screening at festival events. The films, inspired by *New Yorker* covers, showcase the indispensable nature of smartphones and wireless connectivity in our culture. In the first, Emily Carmichael, a rising star of the sci-fi and fantasy worlds, uses lush, hand-drawn animation to bring to life “The Enchanted Forest,” in which the heroine wields her smartphone to stand down her foes, real and imagined. On the heels of his festival hit “5 Films About Technology,” Peter Huang takes another sensitive and savvy look at the role of technology in our lives, as we peek through a keyhole into the world of a modern suburban family. The Academy Award-nominated and Emmy-winning British documentary-maker Lucy Walker takes her keen observational eye to a Lower East Side pool, and the lively community it provides people from all walks of life in the course of a single day.
- Additionally, at the SVA Theatre, Qualcomm will present a gallery of *New Yorker* covers that celebrate the essential role of mobile technologies and smartphones in our lives.
- An original video featuring four enthusiastic *New Yorker* fans under the roof of the 2018 Range Rover Velar will screen before various festival events. Festival-goers will also have the chance to explore the sleek and innovative features of the 2018 Range Rover Velar firsthand at the Land Rover Theatre at SIR Stage37 throughout the weekend.
- The chance to win a round-trip getaway to island life out there in Bermuda. Attendees can enter the sweepstakes at all festival locations and online. A Bermuda brand ambassador will be stationed at the SVA Theatre, alongside a pink Vespa, to take pictures and distribute keepsake bookmarks with a Dark ‘n Stormy® recipe (available at all other venues, too).
- Promotion of HBO’s hit comedy series “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” starring Larry David, which returns for its ninth season on Sunday, October 1st at 10 P.M. E.T.

The New Yorker has designed and produced a limited-edition Festival Capsule Collection, featuring original art work by Brian Rea, whose cityscape illustration is the look for this year’s festival. The merchandise will be on sale at each of the New Yorker Festival venues throughout the weekend, while supplies last.

Tickets will go on sale on Friday, September 8th, at 12 P.M. E.T., and may be purchased at newyorker.com/festival. All tickets not sold during the Mastercard pre-sale or the general ticket sale will be sold at the SVA Theatre box office throughout the festival weekend. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door to each event one hour before start time, with some exceptions (these are noted at newyorker.com/festival).

Follow the festival across social platforms—on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Tumblr](#), [LinkedIn](#), and Snapchat (newyorkermag)—in the lead-up to the events and throughout the weekend to receive updates, tips, and information about last-minute tickets. Join the conversation using #TNYfest.

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