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The New Yorker TechFest Returns on October 6, 2017, in New York City

Scientific, Technological, and Cultural Pioneers Join New Yorker Writers and Editors to Investigate the Stories of Tomorrow, Today

NEW YORK –August 14, 2017 – [The New Yorker TechFest](#), a one-day conference exploring the stories behind the technologies that are transforming our world, returns to New York City on Friday, October 6, 2017. *The New Yorker's* editor, David Remnick, joined by the magazine's writers, will once again bring together singular thinkers, innovators, and dealmakers to discuss everything from the robotic revolution and living forever to political hacking and Internet privacy.

The day's programming will include:

From Cinema to Snap, Inc.

Michael Lynton, the chairman of Snap, Inc., the parent company of Snapchat, in conversation with *The New Yorker's* David Remnick.

Dawn of the New Everything

Jaron Lanier, a computer scientist, a musician, and the author of "Dawn of the New Everything: Encounters with Reality and Virtual Reality," sits down with *The New Yorker's* Adrian Chen.

The Elixir of Life

Exploring Silicon Valley's quest to live forever. Featuring Bill Maris, the co-founder of Section 32 and the former C.E.O. of Google Ventures, and Thomas Rando, the director of the Glenn Center for the Biology of Aging at Stanford University School of Medicine. Moderated by *The New Yorker's* Tad Friend.

A Certain Forecast

The former E.P.A. administrator Gina McCarthy and *The New Yorker's* Elizabeth Kolbert discuss navigating climate change.

Life-Saving Drones

Keller Rinaudo, the C.E.O. and co-founder of Zipline, a drone-delivery service that provides medical supplies to developing communities, in conversation with *The New Yorker's* Nicola Twilley.

Man or Machine?

With continuing advancements in artificial intelligence, robots are redefining the way we live. We discuss the ramifications, present and future. Featuring Garry Kasparov, the chess grandmaster, political activist, and writer, and Daniela Rus, the director of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), at M.I.T. Moderated by *The New Yorker's* Sheelah Kolhatkar.

Designing Life

Will synthetic biology make evolution obsolete? With the artist, designer, and writer Alexandra Daisy Ginsberg and *The New Yorker's* Michael Specter.

How to Hack Governments and Influence People

An investigation of the hacks that have come to define our politics, from individual cyber threats to Russia, Anonymous, and more. What does this mean for democracy? Featuring Gabriella Coleman, an anthropologist and professor at McGill University who studies hacker groups, and Thomas Rid, an author, professor of strategic studies at Johns Hopkins University/S.A.I.S., and cyber-warfare expert. Moderated by *The New Yorker's* Raffi Khatchadourian.

Women and the Internet: Standing Strong

How women are battling Internet bullies and criminals. Featuring Carrie Goldberg, an attorney and legal advocate who fights online sexual harassment and blackmail, and Brianna Wu, a software engineer and Democratic candidate for Congress who has spoken out on GamerGate. Moderated by *The New Yorker's* Margaret Talbot.

The New Yorker TechFest will also feature sponsor programming, presented by Autogrill Group, a New Yorker TechFest sponsor:

The Future of Food

We are what we eat. And what we eat is changing. We explore how technology is reshaping the way we think about, cultivate, and consume food. Featuring Dan Barber, the chef and co-owner of Blue Hill and Blue Hill at Stone Barns; Susan Ungaro, the President of the James Beard Foundation; Gianmario Tondato Da Ruos, the C.E.O. of Autogrill Group; and Steve Johnson, the President and C.E.O. of HMSHost.

Additional programming will be announced in the coming weeks.

[The New Yorker TechFest](#), which will be held at Cedar Lake, in New York City (547 West 26th Street), will also feature a variety of breakout sessions, bringing new technology directly into the hands of attendees.

Doors open at 7:45 A.M. for breakfast, and the official program begins at 8:45 A.M. The event will conclude at approximately 6:30 P.M. The complete schedule will be available to attendees in the coming weeks. Please note that participants are subject to change.

For ticketing information, and to register, visit <http://techfest.newyorker.com/>.

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