

**A Franco-British Festival celebrating Children's literature  
under the patronage of Quentin Blake**

**13 – 19 November at the Institut français in London**

**Founded by the Institut français du Royaume-Uni, the South Ken Kids Festival celebrates its 20th birthday this year!**

**Under the patronage of Quentin Blake** - who has also given his name to the Children's Library of the Institut français - the South Ken Kids Festival **promotes the best of children's literature** and fosters exchanges between authors and illustrators from both sides of the Channel. It has been supported by Arts Council England since 2014.

*"I was lucky enough to be involved in our festival right from the start. I have seen this celebration of writing and reading and drawing grow - it becomes more and more amazing!"* says Quentin Blake.

**Open to young audiences from toddlers and their families to Young Adult readers**, the South Ken Kids Festival will welcome over **20 newly writers and illustrators** from France, the UK, and beyond, alongside booktubers, translators, musicians and actors. They will take part in a great range of **educational activities** organised with **35 partner schools** throughout London, and in **public events held at the Institut français**, including workshops, talks, live drawing and storytelling, films, music, BookTube reviewing, theatre and book signings.

The festival will kick off with a musical and poetic event featuring British writer and children's laureate **Michael Morpurgo** and French illustrator **François Place**.

**Live drawing events** will bring together star illustrators and rising talents, such as **Benji Davies** and **Kitty Crowther, Aurélie Guillerey** and **Axel Scheffler**, and will culminate in a **special birthday live drawing and music jam Impro!**, a many-handed performance during which present and past guests of the festival will be drawing live on stage to the sound of **Jacques Tellitocci's** vibraphone.

Amongst a total of 30 events and workshops, highlights include a music performance by the world-renowned **Gipsy Kings with Chico**, a special public appearance of **Quentin Blake** who will be sharing his love for France, and an evening of music and live drawing with French graphic novelist and illustrator **Baudoin**, this year's **artist in residence**.

Working with **80 French and British children's publishers**, this year's edition will also have a **special strand on digital activities**, including workshops with BookTubers **Lemon June** and **Katherine Woodfine**, the **OKIDO Magazine**, and a **nationwide BookTubing competition** inviting children to record their own video book review.

**Bilingual throughout**, and even **multilingual at times**, the programme will have a focus on **translation activities** with a special talk on the **'Aarhus 39'** project in partnership with Hay Festival, a **multilingual Slam poetry contest and translation workshops**.

Organised by the Institut français du Royaume-Uni, the South Ken Kids Festival is supported by Arts Council England, the Friends of the French Institute trust, Eurostar, Renault and Wallonie-Bruxelles International.

**Venue:**

**Institut français | 17 Queensberry Place, London SW7 2DT**

**Full programme, info & bookings:**

**[www.southkenkidsfestival.co.uk](http://www.southkenkidsfestival.co.uk) | 020 7871 3515**

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## Wednesday 15 NOVEMBER

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**Artist in Residence: Baudoin**

7pm-8pm | in English and French | 13+ | £5

## Thursday 16 NOVEMBER

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**Launch Event: Michael Morpurgo and François Place**

6pm-7pm | in English | all ages | £7

## Friday 17 NOVEMBER

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**Prize Ceremony: BookTube Power**

4pm-4.45pm | in English | 7+ | Free but reservation compulsory: [schools@institutfrancais.org.uk](mailto:schools@institutfrancais.org.uk)

**Music: Gipsy Kings with Chico**

6pm-7pm | in French and English | all ages | £7

## Saturday 18 NOVEMBER

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**Film: Revolting Rhymes**

FR / GE | 2016 | Dir. J. Schuh & J. Lachauer  
10.30am-11.30am | in English with French subtitles | 6+ | £5

**Workshop with Matthieu Maudet**

11am-12pm | in English and French | 3+ | £7  
12.30pm-1.30pm | in English and French | 7+ | £7

**Workshop with Hélène Druvert**

11.30am-12.30pm | in English | 8+ | £7

**Workshop with Gaëtan Dorémus**

11.30am-12.30pm | in English and French | 6+ | £7

**Translation Workshop with Clémentine Beauvais**

12.30pm-1.30pm | in English | 8+ | £7

**Live Drawing: Axel Scheffler and Aurélie Guillerey**

1.30pm-2.15pm | in English | all ages | £5

**Workshop with Stephanie Blake**

2.30pm-3.30pm | in English | 4+ | £7

**Workshop with Kitty Crowther**

2.30pm-3.30pm | in English | 5+ | £7

**Journeys across Europe**

2.30pm-3.30pm | in English | 8+ | £5

**Live Drawing: Favourite Tales and Legends**

2.45pm-3.30pm | in English | all ages | £5

**BookTubing DIY**

3.45pm-4.45pm | in English and French | 7+ | £7

**Shared Poetry Reading**

4.30pm-4.50pm | in English and French | 11+ | £5  
5pm-5.20pm | in English and French | 11+ | £5

**Les Bonnes Feuilles de Quentin Blake**

4.30pm-5.30pm | in English and French | 10+ | £7

**Impro !**

5.30pm-6.30pm | in English | 5 to 105 | £7



## Sunday 19 NOVEMBER

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**Film: Fresh Out of School**

FR | 2016

10.30am-11.15am | in French with English subtitles | 5+ | £5

**Workshop with Sam Usher**

11am-12pm | in English | 5+ | £7

**Workshop with Aurélie Guillerey**

11am-12pm | in English | 7+ | £7

**Workshop with Katie Harnett**

11am-12pm | in English | 4+ | £7

**Live Drawing: Kitty Crowther and Benji Davies**

12pm-12.45pm | in English | all ages | £5

**Workshop with Yara Kono**

1pm-2pm | in English | 4+ | £7

**Digital Workshop with Minilab**

1pm-2pm | in English | 5+ | £15

**Workshop with François Place**

1pm-2.30pm | in English and French | 7+ | £7

**Film: Long Way North**

FR | 2015 | Dir. R. Chayé

2pm-3.15pm | in French with English subtitles | 8+ | £5

**Workshop with OKIDO**

2.30pm-3.15pm | in English | 4+ | £7

**Workshop with Bridget Strevens Marzo**

2.30-3.30pm | in English | 4+ | £7

**Film: Paddington 2**

UK | 2017 | Dir. P.King

4pm-5.30pm | in English | 6+ | £5

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