

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

19 – 25 November at the Institut français in London

Founded and organised by the Institut français du Royaume-Uni, the South Ken Kids Festival is back for its 21st edition 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 from both sides of the Channel. It is proud to be supported by **Arts Council England** since 2014.

Open to young audiences from children and their families to young adult readers, the South Ken Kids Festival will welcome **20 writers and illustrators from France and the UK**. They will take part in a great range of **educational activities** organised with **35 partner schools** spreading over 12 London boroughs, and in **public events held at the Institut français**, including workshops, talks, live drawing and storytelling, films, music, theatre and book signings.

Highlights include exclusive events with longtime friends of the festival. **Quentin Blake** will be exhibiting a selection of his **original drawings** throughout the festival and engage in a **conversation on illustrating Jean de la Fontaine's Fables** (25 Nov), while **Axel Scheffler** will take part in several live drawing performances, including **Never Stop Drawing (for) Europe**, coinciding with the *Drawing Europe Together* manifesto just published by Macmillan (22 Nov).

Other **live drawing events feature** a duo with **Magali Le Huche** and **Chris Haughton**, a musical tribute to the story of *Babar the Elephant* led by pianist Damien Luce, illustrated by Kris Di Giacomo, with scores by Francis Poulenc and Maurice Ravel. Festivities culminate with the drawing and music jam, *Impro!*, a many-handed performance during which illustrators of the festival will be drawing live on stage to the sound of **Sylvain Rifflet's** saxophone.

Continuing the **European strand** of the festival, *Brexit Romance* will bring together writers Clémentine Beauvais and Julian Sedgwick, who will be swapping tales and European inspirations. The many facets of **Europe's shared history** will also be explored with **Alexandre Franc**, this year's festival artist in residence, and graphic novelist **Karrie Fransman** (23 Nov).

A Young Adult special event with **Christelle Dabos**, **Victor Dixen** and **Philip Reeve**, a **multilingual slam poetry contest**, **translation workshops**, **digital activities** and **film screenings**, including Michel Ocelot's latest work, complete the programme.

Working with 40 French and British children's publishers, the festival is supported by Arts Council England, the Friends of French Institute trust, the Claude and Sofia Marion Foundation, Eurostar, Robert Laffont and Macmillan.

Venue: Institut français | 17 Queensberry Place London | SW7 2DT

Full programme, info & bookings: www.southkenkidsfestival.co.uk | 020 7871 3515

Online videos:

South Ken Kids Festival, 2016 edition

Live Drawings

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FREE & THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Exhibition: Quentin Blake Goes Bilingual

Open all festival | in English and French | all ages | Free

Reading Machines

Open all festival | in English and French | all ages | Free

Thursday 22 NOVEMBER

Opening Event: Never Stop Drawing (for) Europe

6pm-6.45pm | in English | all ages | £7

Friday 23 NOVEMBER

Biographies for Peace: Alexandre Franc – Artist in Residence

6.30pm-7.30pm | in English and French | 12+ | £5

Saturday 24 NOVEMBER

Film: The Great Adventure of No-No

FR | 2016 | Dir. Mathieu Auvray, Script : Magali Le Huche

11am-11.45am | in English | 4+ | £5

Workshop with David Litchfield

11.30am-12.30pm | in English | 3+ | £7

Workshop with Kris Di Giacomo

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

Workshop with Magali Le Huche

12pm-1pm | in English | 5+ | £7

Live Drawing: Axel Scheffler, Tor Freeman and Ronan Badel

12.30pm-1.15pm | in English | 3+ | £5

Film: Dili in Paris

FR | 2018 | Dir. Michel Ocelot

2pm-3.30pm | in French with English subtitles | 6+ | £5

Workshop with Ronan Badel

2pm-3pm | in English and French | 7+ | £7

Workshop with Tor Freeman

2pm-3pm | in English | 8+ | £7

Young Adult Special: Christelle Dabos, Victor Dixen and Philip Reeve

3.30pm-4.30pm | in English | 12+ | £5

Live Event: Draw Me Some Music

4pm-5pm | in English | all ages | £7

Workshop with Charlotte Gastaut

4pm-5pm | in English and French | 3+ | £7

Workshop with Aurélia Fronty and Franck Prévot

4pm-5pm | in English and French | 5+ | £7

Impro !

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



Sunday 25 NOVEMBER

Film: Little Spirou

FR | 2017 | Dir. Nicolas Bary

11am-12.30pm | in French with English subtitles | 6+ | £5

Workshop with Chris Haughton

11am-12pm | in English | 4+ | £7

Workshop: Okido

11am-12pm | in English | 3+ | £7

Workshop with Joe Todd Stanton

1pm-2pm | in English | 4+ | £7

Workshop with Dianne Hofmeyr

1pm-2pm | in English | 6+ | £7

Brexit Romance: Clémentine Beauvais and Julian Sedgwick

1pm-2.30pm | in English and French | 12+ | £5

Live Drawing: Magali Le Huche and Chris Haughton

2pm-2.45pm | in English | 3+ | £5

Workshop with Bridget Marzo

3pm-4pm | in English | 3+ | £7

Jean de La Fontaine with Quentin Blake

3pm-4pm | in English | 10+ | £7

Workshop: MiniLab

3pm-4pm | in English | 8+ | £10

Film: Belle and Sebastian 3: The Final Chapter

FR | 2018 | Dir. Clovis Cornillac

4pm-5.30pm | in French with English subtitles | 8+ | £5

