



STORYMOJA
HAY FESTIVAL
Nairobi

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RAILWAYS CLUB GROUNDS, NAIROBI

Under the sun

Writers, travellers, storytellers, artists and innovators from around the world are gathering in Kenya for the third annual Storymoja Hay Festival to share ideas and stories in the heart of Kenya's capital city. Take shelter from the sun to feed your mind.

Read all about it

Interviews and features about the festival are published in the *Nairobi Hayly* special festival editions of the UK's *Daily Telegraph*, available at the site, free, every day.

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Thursday 15 September**11AM STORYMOJA TENT****Illustration Masterclass with Stian Hole**

A wonderful chance to learn from award-winning Norwegian graphic artist, illustrator and writer for children (*Garmann's Summer*), celebrated for his innovative style of mixed media collage and digital images.

Sponsored by Norla

11AM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT**Travel Writing Workshop with Peter Moore**

The Australian author of *Swahili for the Broken Hearted* and one of the world's funniest travel writers shares his experience and expertise.

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1.30PM STORYMOJA TENT**Writing For Children**

A creative writing workshop with **Edwin Mokaya**. Edwin's *Go-go the Goat Goes Ga-ga in the Gamepark* is published by Storymojo.

1.30PM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT**Creative Writing Workshop**

Award-winning novelist and journalist **Hari Kunzru** on short stories. Kunzru contributed his short story 'Kaltes Klares Wasser' to the Oxfam anthology *OxTales*.

In association with Oxfam

7PM**Festival Opening Gala Dinner**

Join a celebration dinner with local and international guests of the festival for an evening of poetry, storytelling, comedy and music.

Tickets: Ksh 5,000/=



Friday 16 September

11AM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT

Storytelling Workshop

The creators of San Francisco's Porchlight Storytelling sessions **Beth Lisick** and **Arline Klattel** join Kenya's leading storyteller **Mshai Mwangola**.

Sponsored by Ross Van Horne

11AM US EMBASSY TENT

Poetry Masterclass 1

Yusef Komunyakaa and **Njeri Wangari**

American Pulitzer prize-winner Komunyakaa and celebrated Kenyan poet Wangari lead this poetry masterclass for students.

Sponsored by US Embassy

11AM STORYMOJA TENT

Stress & Wellness Workshop with Neil Shah

Learn about stress management and wellbeing.

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11AM STORYHIPPO VILLAGE

Innovators and Achievers

Meet inspiring young people doing fantastic things;

Chief Nyamweya, comic artist from *The Star*, and author **Mikhae'elah Kanari Zeigler**.

12PM STORYHIPPO VILLAGE

Meet the Stars

Teenagers are invited to meet comedian and storyteller **James Campbell**.

1.30PM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT

Poetry Masterclass 2

Ben Okri and **Keguro Macharia**

The second poetry masterclass is led by Nigerian-born poet **Ben Okri** (*An African Elegy* and *Mental Flight*) and Kenyan poet **Keguro Macharia**, Assistant Professor of English at the University of Maryland.

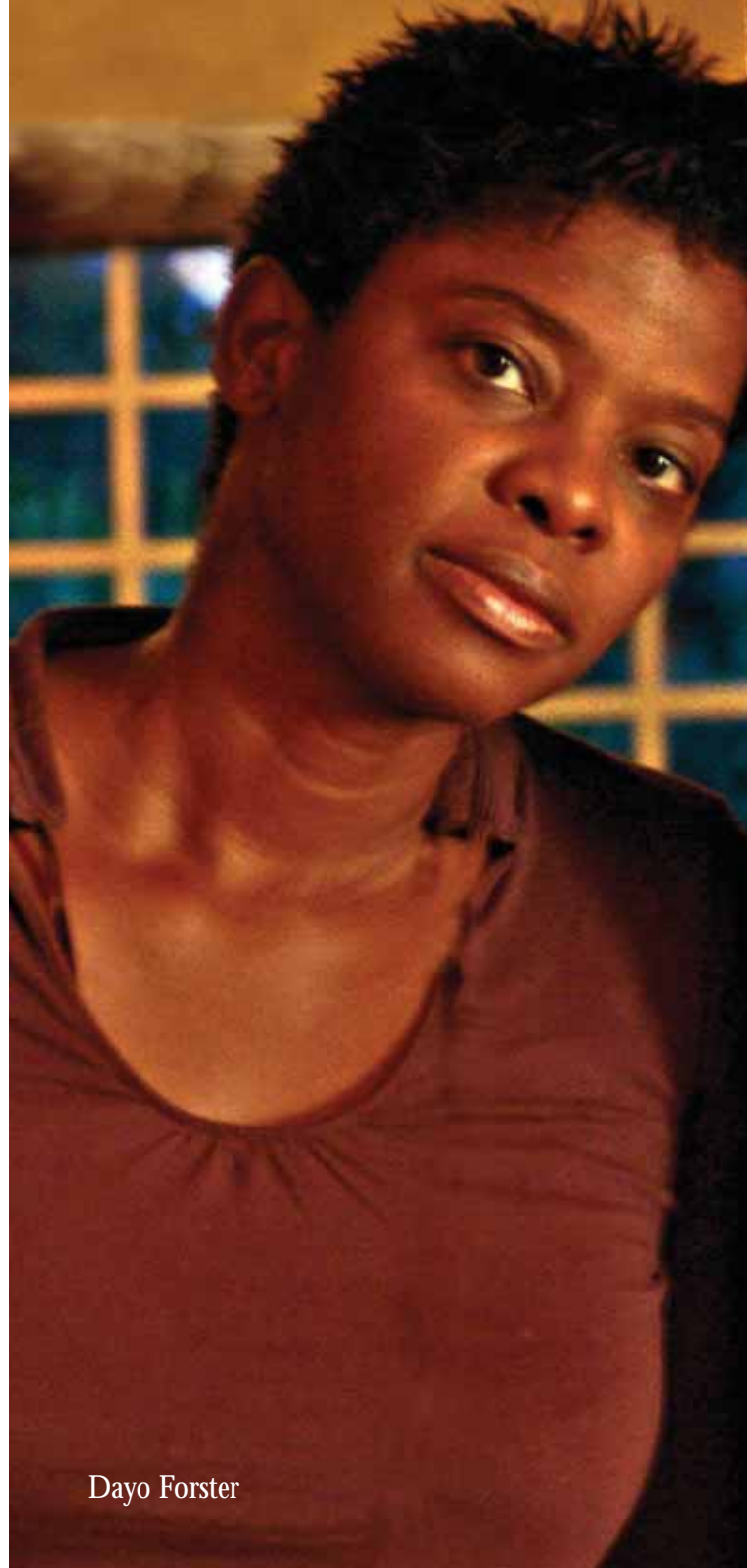
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Comedy 4 Kids: James Campbell

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4PM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT

Storytelling Workshop with Nick Hennessey

A passionate advocate of the spoken word, Hennessey is a master of the ancient European storytelling tradition exploring Celtic and British myths and

the great Finnish epic *The Kalevala*.*Sponsored by Arts Council of England*

4PM US EMBASSY TENT

Poetry Performance Workshop**Beth Lisick and Ngwatilo**

Under the spotlight with performance poets Lisick (USA) and Ngwatilo (Kenya).

Sponsored by Ross Van Horne

5.30PM STORYMOJA SLAM

Poetry Slam

Slam poetry evening hosted by American poet, writer and National Slam champion **Beth Lisick**, featuring the very best Kenyan slam poets.

Tickets: Ksh 200/=

Saturday 17 September



11AM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT

Globalisation & Technology

Writers **Hari Kunzru** (*Transmission* and *Gods Without Men*) and **Jonathan Ledgard** (*Giraffe* and *Submergence*) talk to **Dayo Forster** about their

perspectives on the modern world we live in.

Sponsored by British Council

11AM US EMBASSY TENT

A Personal Insight Into Addiction

Chris Lyimo talks about his battle with alcoholism and the bravely open account of his journey to sobriety in his book *My Side of the Streets*.

11AM STORYMOJA TENT

Distress To De-stress

An interactive session with **Neil Shah**, leading international expert on Stress Management and Wellbeing. Learn the latest techniques to take control of your life and turn off those stress triggers.

Sponsored by Ethiopian Airlines

11AM STORYHIPPO VILLAGE

Meet The Stars

Teenagers are invited to meet **Peter Moore** – one of the world's funniest travel writers talks about his adventures across Africa.

1.30PM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT

Triumphs On And Off The Track

Moroccan-Dutch writer and marathon runner **Abdelkader Benali** talks with Paralympic Silver Medalist runner **Francis Thuo**, Paralympic Gold Medalist **Mary Namancha** and the British High Commissioner **Rob MacCaire**.

1.30PM US EMBASSY TENT

Self-Help: Love It Or Hate It?

Jane Bussman probes the world of self-development with **Beth Lisick**, author of *Helping Me Help Myself*, **Neil Shah**, author of *10 Step Stress Solutions* and management consultant and coach **Ross Van Horne**.

Saturday 17 September

1.30PM STORYMOJA TENT

Join The Digital Economy

How do you take a great idea and transform it into something that you can earn a living from? Google Inc.'s **Susan Pointer** joins this panel, to explore how the digital age and sharing of ideas can bring anyone's idea to life.

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Ben Okri: The Poet

Often described as one of Africa's most eminent contemporary writers, Ben Okri discusses his poetry with fellow poet and literary critic, **Keguro Macharia**.

Sponsored by British Council



4PM US EMBASSY TENT

Cape Town To Cairo: Broken Hearts, Matatus & Football

Peter Moore (*Swahili for the Broken Hearted*) and **Abdelkader Benali** (*The Road to Cape Town, B39*) talk about their experiences travelling the

famous route.

Sponsored by Australia Council for the Arts and Dutch Literature Foundation

Saturday 17 September

4PM STORYMOJA TENT

Human Rights & Sexual Minorities

A multi-faceted discussion on the concept of Human Rights as they apply to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Kenyans and the rights according to our constitution. Led by **David Kuria** of Gay Kenya.

6.30PM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT

The Mau Mau: Multi-layered Perspectives

Springing from excerpts of Al Kags' *Living Memories*, Waruhiu's *Corridors of Justice* and a taster from Ogutu Muraya's play *Are We There Yet?* Please join our panellists to explore the history of the Mau Mau from the eyes of the Mwananchi.

6.30PM US EMBASSY TENT

Poets in Conversation

Pulitzer Prize poet **Yusef Komunyakaa** (*Neon Vernacular*) and Kenyan poet **Stephen Derwent Partington** (*How to Euthanise a Cactus*) talk to **Keguro Macharia** about how their experiences have influenced their poetry.

6.30PM STORYMOJA TENT

Makeovers: Looking Fabulous

Learn make-up tips from the professionals, for all ages, to help you look and feel your best at all times. Get your make-up done on site, and leave feeling glamorous. Led by **Gladys Githegi**.

7.45PM STORYMOJA TENT

Hearts and Minds

Hay Festival Director **Peter Florence** hosts the first of two sessions with festival stars and audiences, invited to rave about the "book that changed my life".

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11AM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT

Hari Kunzru Launches *Gods Without Men*

British award-winning writer **Hari Kunzru** talks to **Dayo Forster** about his latest novel, *Gods Without Men*.

Sponsored by British Council

11AM US EMBASSY TENT

Revolutions! The Power of Freedom of Expression in the Digital Age

Susan Pointer from Google talks with **Jonathan Ledgard** (Diageo award-winner for his Digital Africa report) and **Ahmed Salims** of the #FeedKe initiative.

Sponsored by Google

11AM STORYMOJA TENT

Swahili For The Broken Hearted

Australian travel writer **Peter Moore** discusses his hilarious new book.

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1.30PM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT

Ben Okri talks to Wambui Mwangi

Booker prize-winning Nigerian novelist and poet Okri discusses his widely-acclaimed body of work, including *The Famished Road*.

Sponsored by British Council

Sunday 18 September

1.30PM US EMBASSY TENT

Poetry Undefined

A chat across continents, styles and expression with Pulitzer-winner **Yusef Komunyakaa**, Slam Champion **Beth Lisick**, **Tinashe Mushakavanhu**, **Njeri Wangari**, **Ngwatilo** and **Samo Bryton**.

Sponsored by US Embassy and Ross Van Horne

1.30PM STORYMOJA TENT

LBGTI Matters and Christianity: Bridging The Gap

MaqC, lay preacher and GM of Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Kenya (GALCK) shares the panel with religious leaders on this controversial topic.

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Life Journeys: Taking The Conversation Off The Page

A candid chat with some of Kenya's most successful and inspiring women as they discuss career, relationships, family and finding balance in life.

4PM US EMBASSY TENT

The Reading Revolution

Is reading for pleasure the one crucial habit that could lead to success for our children? A discussion with festival guests about the value of reading, and insight into different ways of increasing access to education.

4PM STORYMOJA TENT

New Kenyan Writing

With **Tony Mochama, Sitawa Namwalie, Claudette Odour** and **Tinashe Mushakavanhu**.

6PM BRITISH COUNCIL TENT

Red Soil & Roasted Maize

Kenyan writer, journalist and popular columnist **Rasna Warah** discusses her latest book.

6PM US EMBASSY TENT

Poetry Performance

Cutting across barriers and style; poets **Yusef Komunyakaa, Sitawa Namwalie** and **Ngwatilo** showcase their best work.

Sponsored by US Embassy

6PM STORYMOJA TENT

New Kenyan Man

De-mystifying the Kenyan man's role in modern society, and his peculiar habits. With **Oyunga Pala**.

6PM

Festival Finale of Storytelling

This one is definitely not for the children. **Nick Hennessey, Beth Lisick, Arline Klatte, Ogotu Muraya, Jane Bussman** and many more tell stories that will make you blush...and not just from the heat of the fire.

Sponsored by Arts Council of England

Tickets: Ksh, 1000/=

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Team

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Ian Arunga, Mary Bugembe, Muthoni Garland, Moses Kaithya, Aleya Jamel, Juliet Maruru, Isaac Mburu, Martin Njaga, Weslie Osando, Roy Wekoto

HAY FESTIVAL

Lyndy Cooke, Peter Florence, Rhodri Jones, Jo Rodell-Jones, Lewis Jones, Maggie Robertson, Jesse Ingham

Tickets and booking

Day tickets Ksh 500 (includes a free book)

Season pass for 3 days Ksh 1000

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