

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD LITERARY FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024

THE SCHEDULE

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Registration

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

A stellar check-in process sets the tone for the rest of your festival activities.

Bus Tour

9:45 am – 11:15 am

An Exclusive Bus Tour of F. Scott Fitzgerald's Historic Rockville Sites.

WORKSHOPS

9:00 am – 11:15 am

A BLOCK

9:00 am – 10:00 am

- "Taking Your Right Brain Out for a Spin"
-Michelle Brafman
- "Pitching Non-Fiction"
-Margaret Talbot
- "Helping Others Write the Hard Stories"
-Monica Mische and Jarvis Slacks

B BLOCK

10:15 am – 11:15 am

- "Rendering Your Life on the Page"
-Tope Folarin
- "Unpacking the Literary Suitcase and Discovering the Memoir Beneath One's Undergarments"
-Ethelbert Miller
- "Listing Your Way to a (Lyric?) Essay"
-Randon Billings Noble

Welcome & Opening Remarks

11:25 am – 11:30 pm

-Gary Berg-Cross and Committee Members

A Conversation about Writing the Hard Stories

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

-Jesmyn Ward and Kiese Laymon

Lunch Break

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Purchased from festival or on your own.

Keynote Talk

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- "The Impossibility of Trying to Write a 'Gatsbyesque' Novel...and Other Lessons from a Journo-Literary Career"
-David Ignatius

Awards Ceremony

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- Recognition of F. Scott Fitzgerald Scholars
- Introduction of Jesmyn Ward
- Presentation of the Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Achievement In American Literature for 2024:
Jesmyn Ward
- Acceptance & Reading by Jesmyn Ward

Esteemed Author Reception

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Book Signing with Jesmyn Ward



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