



BEYOND WORDS ONLINE FESTIVAL

11-24 May 2020

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From 11 to 24 May 2020, Beyond Words Festival goes digital! The festival of literature of the Institut français is back and takes place online!

Expect the hottest publications, exclusive interviews, readings and Q&As with acclaimed authors and new voices.

Every day at midday exclusive contents are unveiled, and Queens first, **Eleanor of Aquitaine** gets the ball rolling with Clara Dupont-Monod's new book translated into English, *The Revolt*, telling the story of the Queen of France and England, through the eyes of her favourite son, Richard Lionheart.

Highlights include women writers, the best francophone authors from the African continent, and Comics in all guises.

As an echo to **Africa2020**, the pan-African and multidisciplinary season soon organised in France, Beyond Words will give a special place to Africa this year, with a strand highlighting some of the best francophone writers from the continent.

2020 is also the **Year of French comics** in France: from witty *biographics* to serious comics, through drink and draw sessions, let's celebrate the many shapes of the ninth art!

Last but not least: **women voices**. Nathalie Léger on Pippa Bacca, the Italian artist; Clara Dupont-Monod on Eleanor of Aquitaine, one of the most powerful women of the Middle Ages; Scholastique Mukasonga on the brave girls from Rwanda.. Rebel ladies, speak up!

Live drawings, films, theatre, music are also on the menu, including a **live piano concert by Karol Beffa** on Thursday 14 May, improvising on themes given by the public, such as Smile Over the Rainbow or Debussy in an *Octopus' Garden*..

Full programme: www.beyondwordslitfest.co.uk

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