

The International Writers Project at Brown University: Under the Tongue: A Festival of Literature from Africa

April 15 – 16, 2008

“When I take up my pen to write, I feel the strength of standing up and refusing to be silent. In an oppressive situation, silence is death.”

Chenjerai Hove, current IWP fellow

Tuesday, April 15

Joukowsky Forum, Watson Institute for International Studies, 111 Thayer St.

- 3 pm Swimming in Troubled Waters, a talk by Nuruddin Farah
- 3:30 pm Warning: Writing May Be Hazardous to Your Health:
Present-Day Threats to Freedom of Expression.
Nuruddin Farah (Somalia)
Chenjerai Hove (Zimbabwe, current IWP fellow)
Joanne Leedom-Ackerman (PEN International)
Jack Mapanje (Malawi)
Pierre Mujomba (Congo, past IWP fellow)
Larry Siems (director, Freedom to Write, PEN American Center)

McCormack Family Theater, 70 Brown Street

- 8 pm New Writing from Africa: Night I, Readings by
Chenjerai Hove (Zimbabwe)
Jack Mapanje (Malawi)

Wednesday, April 16

Joukowsky Forum, Watson Institute for International Studies, 111 Thayer St.

- 11 am Under the Tongue and Onto the Page:
A Conversation on New Literature from Africa
- Nathalie Etoke (Visiting Asst. Professor of French Studies, Brown University)
Nuruddin Farah (novelist)
Chenjerai Hove (writer, current IWP fellow)
Jack Mapanje (poet)
Moderated by Barrymore Bogues (Chair and Professor of
Africana Studies, Brown University)

George Houston Bass Performing Arts Center, Churchill House, 155 Angell St.

- 3 pm Staged Readings from New Plays
Pierre Mujomba (Congo)
Charles Mulekwa (Uganda)
with post-performance conversations with the authors

McCormack Family Theater, 70 Brown Street

- 8 pm New Writing from Africa, Night II, Readings by
Chimamanda Adichie (Nigeria)
Nuruddin Farah (Somalia)

All events are free and open to the public.

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