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## Virginia Festival of the Book Announces Full List of 2018 Speakers

December 18, 2017—Charlottesville, Va.—A program of Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH), the twenty-fourth annual Virginia Festival of the Book announced the **full list of featured speakers for the 2018 Festival today on [VaBook.org](#)**.

Totaling **more than 300 authors**, illustrators, and publishing professionals, the list is comprised of speakers with **new books that span all genres**. Some highlights include:

- **Thi Bui**, author of *The Best We Could Do*, one of *The Washington Post's* Ten Best Graphic Novels of 2017
- **S. A. Chakraborty**, author of *The City of Brass*, one of Amazon's Best Science Fiction and Fantasy of 2017
- **Lyndsay Faye**, author of *Jane Steele*, nominated for the 2017 Edgar Award for Best Novel
- **Monica Hesse**, author of *American Fire: Love, Arson, and Life in a Vanishing Land*, one of 100 Notable Books of 2017 from *The New York Times*
- **Lisa Ko**, author of *The Leavers*, the inaugural selection for the Carol Troxell Reader in the Festival and one of the Best Fiction of 2017 according to *Los Angeles Times*
- **Carmen Maria Machado**, author of *Her Body and Other Parties: Stories*, one of *Chicago Review of Books's* Best Fiction Books of 2017 and a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle 2017 John Leonard Prize
- **Charles Mann**, author of *The Wizard and the Prophet: Two Remarkable Scientists and Their Dueling Visions to Shape Tomorrow's World*, and a three-time National Magazine Award finalist
- **David Barclay Moore**, author of *The Stars Beneath Our Feet*, one of Amazon's Best Children's Books of 2017 and one of *Time* magazine's Top Ten Young Adult and Children's Books of 2017
- **Alisha Rai**, author of *Hate to Want You: Forbidden Hearts*, one of Amazon's Best Romance Books of 2017
- **Justin Spring**, author of *The Gourmands' Way: Six Americans in Paris and the Birth of a New Gastronomy*, one of *Publishers Weekly's* Best Nonfiction Books of 2017
- **David Wojahn**, author of *For the Scribe* and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry

The full list of featured speakers is available at [VaBook.org](#), where it is searchable by genre and name. **The complete schedule for the 2018 Festival will be announced in mid-January 2018.**

**Tickets for select Festival programs are available at [VaBook.org](#).** Additional details, speakers, and programs will be announced as they are confirmed.

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**About the Virginia Festival of the Book:** A signature program of Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH) and the Virginia Center for the Book, the Virginia Festival of the Book brings readers and writers together for a five-day program of mostly free events including author readings, book signings, panel discussions, programs for children, and more. **The 24th annual Festival will be held March 21-25, 2018**, in Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia. The Festival has consistently attracted audiences of more than 20,000 from more than forty states each year, with an estimated local economic impact of about \$4 million annually. To learn more, visit [VaBook.org](#).

**About VFH:** The mission of Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH) is to connect people and ideas to explore the human experience and inspire cultural engagement. VFH reaches an estimated annual audience of 23 million through Community Programs, Digital Initiatives, Scholarship, and the Virginia Center for the Book. For more information, visit [VirginiaHumanities.org](#).