

# Anguilla's Revolutionary Lit Fest: May 18-21, 2017

*Writers, readers and thinkers preparing for Caribbean literary festival...*

PARADISE COVE RESORT, ANGUILLA, BRITISH WEST INDIES, April 18, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Anguilla Literary Foundation has announced the full line-up and schedule for the 6th Annual [Anguilla Lit Fest: A Literary Jollification](#) – and it's Revolutionary! The Lit Fest will take place at Paradise Cove from 18th to 21st May, 2017. This year's theme is "Revolution" and the festival will be part of the official program of events set to commemorate the celebration of 50 years since the 1967 Anguilla Revolution.

The Anguilla Lit Fest appeals to readers, writers and thinkers and the two day/three night programme is an enticing mixture of keynote presentations, lively panel discussions, author workshops and of course, "Jollification," the uniquely Anguillian cultural concept of helping each other in a spirit of merriment, whilst leaving plenty of time for delegates to explore and enjoy the Island's world famous beaches.

For writers highlights include: A poetry master class by Tiphane Yanique, award winning author and poet; a writing workshop by Colin Channer, charismatic Jamaican author, poet and co-founder of the Calabash Festival; the opportunity to enjoy a "Speed Date" with Literary Agent Allison Hunter, of Janklow & Nesbit, and an expert panel, "Self Publishing in a Digital Age" featuring Kevin Larimer of Poets & Writers, Julie Trelstad, Director of Digital Rights at Writers House and self published author, Melinda Goddard,

along with the opportunity to network at festival events and parties with all the presenters. Readers and thinkers may particularly enjoy Friday's "maverick" lunchtime presentation, "A Birthday



Ilyasah Shabazz



Thomas Mullen

Tribute to Malcolm X" by his daughter, author and educator Ilyasah Shabazz; a "Stranger than Fiction" panel discussion featuring critically acclaimed writers Nicole Dennis-Benn, author of New York Times Notable Book of the Year "Here comes the Sun," and Kaitlyn Greenidge author of "We Love You, Charlie Freeman" winner of a Whiting Award for Fiction. Saturday's highlights include an lunchtime session where media entrepreneur Peter Bailey interviews Thomas Mullen, prizewinning, bestselling author of "Darktown," a 2017 Indies Choice nominee and a thought provoking panel entitled "The Revolution & Enlightenment" chaired by Dr. Wycherly Gumbs.



Anguilla 2016 LitFest Delegates (Photo: Josveek Huligar)

Anguilla Lit Fest breakfast sessions are not to be missed. Friday opens with the legendary "Rise and Shine" presentation featuring international poets and spoken word artists Adrian Green, Joseph Lake and John Leone, and Saturday starts with the popular "Pride of Anguilla," breakfast presentation showcasing local talent, including the winners of the Malliouhana Poetry Prize and heroes and heroines from Anguilla's Revolution.

Lit Fest 2017 concludes with a "Calypso Explosion," featuring legendary performers Baron, Sugar Aloes and Short Pants who will also conduct workshops for calypsonians as part of the Lit Fest. "The Anguilla Lit Fest brings together my great loves: beautiful beaches, great literature and lively conversation." Krista Bremer, Author, Associate Publisher of The Sun Magazine, and Lit Fest participant in 2015 and 2016.

Tickets for all events are now on sale and you can view the full schedule and biographies of the participants on the festival website [www.anguillalitifest.com](http://www.anguillalitifest.com).

**MORE ABOUT ANGUILLA LITFEST:** Delegates enjoy casual breakfast and lunch sessions around the pool at Paradise Cove Resort during the day, and in the evenings get the chance to meet and mingle with the authors and publishing pros at elegant cocktail parties and showcase events. Anguilla Lit Fest hospitality is legendary!

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** A number of hotels and guest houses are offering Lit Fest Packages that include tickets to the events. For more information please visit the website

<http://anguillalitifest.com/index.php/where-to-stay/>

**EDUCATION:** A key component of the Lit Fest is the "Champions' Pursuit of Literacy" initiative. This incredibly valuable outreach work, funded by sponsors, donations and ticket sales, allows a cross-section of students from all of Anguilla's Primary Schools to interact with the visiting authors, and for students from the Secondary School, WISE and The Dove Centre to attend sessions at the Lit Fest. All Lit Fest participants are offered the opportunity to be part of this initiative and for many of them the chance to "give back" to the local community is one of the most rewarding aspects of the festival.

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