AKÉ ARTS & BOOK FESTIVAL

Programme

19–21 NOVEMBER 2026

NATIVE INTELLIGENCE

	09:50 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00	12:05 – 13:05	LUNCH 13:10–14:10	14:20 – 15:20	15:25 – 16:25	16:30 – 17:30	DINNER 18:00–19:00	19:00 – 20:30	22:00 – 22:30
THU 19 NOV	**Welcome Ceremony**	**Book Chat** *It Comes In Waves* Rukky Brume *Whyteface* A Igoni Barrett **HOST** Nnamdi Ehirim	**Panel Discussion** *The Future of Creative Work with Artificial Intelligence* Jerry Falade Marvellous Michael Anson Osahon Ize-Iyamu **HOST** Jude Umeh		**Book Chat** *Communities, Networks, Ecosystems: Why they fail and how to build them* Ojoma Ochai *Building Beyond You* Tara Fela-Durotoye **HOST** Maryam Laushi	**Book Chat** *Ours* Philip B Williams *Where You Go, I Will Go* Christina Fonthes **HOST** Temitope Sogbuyi	**Panel Discussion** *Memory, Myth and the Machine* Irenosen Okojie Jowhor Ile Rotimi Babatunde **HOST** Bukola Akinyemi		**Film Screening** *How to Build a Library* Wanjiru Koinange Angela Wachuka **HOST** Mazeedah Olutosin	**Bedtime Story** Khadija Yusra Sanusi
FRI 20 NOV	**Book Chat** *Asantewaa* Bisi Adjapon *Sanya* Oyin Olugbile **HOST** Nenye Igbudu	**Panel Discussion** *The State of Verse* Wana Udobang Dami Ajayi Abdulkareem Baba-Aminu Maryam Bukar **HOST** Richard Ali	**Book Chat** *The Comfort of Distant Stars* I.O Echeruo *Mother/Land* Faraaz Mahomed **HOST** Dami Ajayi		**Book Chat** *There is Goodness Waiting at Home* Temitope Owolabi *The Lies We Tell* Fatima Bala **HOST** Modupe Daramola	**Panel Discussion** *Built to Last* Govind Deecee Fatimata Wane Enobong Etuk **HOST** Joseph Ike	**Book Chat** *Season Of The Serpent* Suyi Davies Okungbowa *Heir of the Shadow* Marvellous Michael Anson **HOST** Nkereuwem Albert		**Music** Savy Henry **HOST** Lola Shoneyin	**Bedtime Story** Nkereuwem Albert
SAT 21 NOV	**Panel Discussion** *Heroes of Our Own: Nigerian Comics and Animation Go Global* Olufikayo Adeola Jide Martin Roye Okupe **HOST** Damilola Solesi	**Book Chat** *The Most Unremarkable Things* Khadija Yusra Sanusi *Grace* Chika Unigwe **HOST** Amyn Bawa-Allah	**Panel Discussion** *Granta Magazine – Nigerian Literature Now* Dipo Faloyin Ngozi John Sada Malumfashi **HOST** Josie Mitchell	GRANTA RECEPTION 13:10–14:10	**Book Chat** *Seeking Sexual Freedom* Nana Darkoa Sekyiamah *Touched* Shae Primus **HOST** Halima Mason	**Book Chat** *On Close Examination* Gloria Chinyere Okwu **HOST** Hadiza Abdulrahman	**Book Chat** *Death of the Author* Nnedi Okorafor *The Fist Of Memory* Wole Talabi **HOST** Abdulkareem Baba-Aminu		**Palm Wine and Poetry** Wana Udobang Dami Ajayi Abdulkareem Baba-Aminu Chukky Ibe Maryam Bukar D'bi Anitafrica **HOST** Wana Udobang	

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