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Ake Arts and Book Festival 2023 Press Release

AKE FESTIVAL IS BACK WITH A BLAST on 22-25 November 2023

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The 11th edition of the Aké Arts and Books Festival will take place on 22-24 November 2023. The festival will be held in Ikoyi, Lagos. Authors, poets, artists, storytellers, dancers, actors, musicians and thinkers from all over the African continent and beyond will converge for four days of cultural immersion.

Venue

The venue for the 2023 edition of Aké Arts & Book Festival:

Strong Tower Events Centre

40 Alfred Rewane Road

Ikoyi, Lagos State

Nigeria

Theme

Although the festival is not built around a theme, the way it has occurred in previous years, we are adopting the theme of **Blood Ties** for the 2023 edition of *Aké Review*. This means the publication will explore family, love, relationships, loss and togetherness.

In Partnership with Sterling and LUMINATE

Aké Arts & Book Festival is delighted to partner with Sterling Group and Luminate-- organisations that support our goal of celebrating and promoting creativity, while facilitating discussions that empower the youth.

The Africa Rights Forum

It is time to build the essential blocks that will enable African publishers to have a presence in the rights marketplaces of the world. This year, we are introducing The Africa Rights Forum which seeks to train agents and editors in sub-Saharan Africa to navigate the global rights market.

Project Inspire

When we send our Ake Festival writers to local schools, we tell them that they have one job: to inspire the children. This year, we are returning to our tradition of visiting schools around the festival venue. Before the guests arrive, we shall send copies of their books to the schools so that the pupils can read the books beforehand and prepare their questions.

Inspiring Panel Discussions

From 2 to 26 November, visitors to Aké Festival will be treated to stimulating panel discussions which cover a range of topics: This year, we have 10 incredible panel discussions with some of Africa's finest thinkers. Everyone leaves Aké Festival feeling enriched.

Book Chats

We're excited to present a range of writers from Africa and beyond for in-depth interviews about the themes they explore, their unforgettable characters and the magical worlds they build for us.

Journalists, photographers, media personnel and independent bloggers who would like to cover the events and activities at Aké Art& Book Festival must apply for a Press Pass. For all Press/ media-related enquiries/requests, please e-mail comm@akefestival.org.