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### **FESTIVAL REPORT 2019**



## FESTIVAL OVERVIEW

In September 2019, ZEE JLF Colorado celebrated its fifth edition in Boulder. A festival of literature from all over the world. ZEE JLF Colorado continues to be an event unlike any other. Providing free access for all, the festival invites the people of Colorado and throughout the US to join in examining the human experience through the reflections and imaginations of distinguished, contemporary authors from across the globe.

In a colorful celebration of the mind and heart, filling the Boulder Public Library from top to bottom, writers and thinkers from the Americas, Asia, Africa, and Europe took part in provocative conversations about life and society, economics and the arts, equity, freedom, and the care of our planet. In these critical times, the penetrating, intercultural dialogue exchanged spoke deeply to individuals of both the issues we face and of genuine humanity, and gave rise to the joy of community.

ZEE JLF Colorado was produced by Teamwork Arts, in association with the Boulder Library Foundation, the City of Boulder, and the Boulder Public Library.

Website: www.jlflitfest.org/colorado

#### **FESTIVAL IN NUMBERS**





**4 LIVE PERFORMANCES** 







## **OUR PARTNERS**



#### **Boulder Public Library**

The mission of the Boulder Public Library is to enhance the personal and professional growth of Boulder residents and contribute to the development and sustainability of an engaged community through free access to ideas, information, cultural experiences, and educational opportunities.

Free public meeting rooms, public computer access, super-fast free wifi, books, movies, music, research databases, local history research, genealogy, educational programming, a makerspace with a laser cutter, CNC machine and 3D printing.



#### **Boulder Library Foundation**

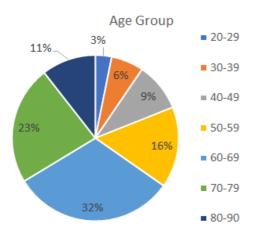
Since 1974 the Boulder Library Foundation has been enriching library experience by providing funding for literacy, cultural, and creative programs, not covered by the City of Boulder's budget. The Boulder Library Foundation provides funding for services that help the residents of Boulder develop and grow. By identifying needs, developing funding mechanisms, and encouraging community involvement, the Foundation plays a key role in preparing Boulder for a more engaged future through its libraries and beyond.



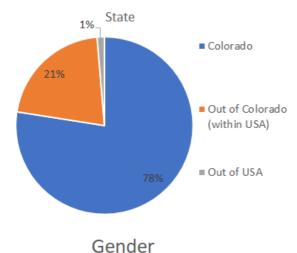
#### City of Boulder

Tucked into a picturesque valley below the iconic Flatirons, Boulder hosts thriving tech and natural foods industries, supports a renowned entrepreneurial community, has some of the region's best restaurants, and is home to many federal research labs and a world-class university. No wonder this Rocky Mountain town of approximately 107,000 people is a world-class destination.

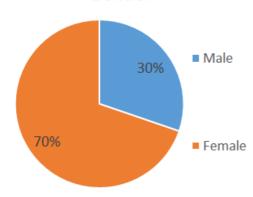
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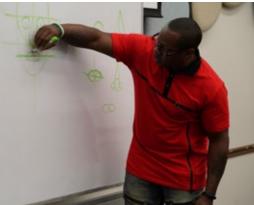












# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



The Anarchy

William Dalrymple introduced by Sanjoy K. Roy



We Shall Not Hate

Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish in conversation with Michael Patrick MacDonald, introduced by Stéphane Lessard, Consul General of Canada in Denver



**Meditations on Creativity** 

Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche in conversation with Andrew Schelling



**Mistress of Words** 

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni in conversation with Philip Lutgendorf



#### **Empire of Cotton**

Sven Beckert in conversation with Pardis Mahdavi



The Good Talk: Drawing Conversations

Mira Jacob in conversation with Pardis Mahdavi

## MEDIA REPORT

A small sampling of Festival media coverage includes Colorado Public Radio, the City of Boulder, The Daily Camera, CBS TV, Colorado and Company - ABC, The Gazette Colorado Springs, 303 Magazine, Westword, All Things Boulder, Out There Colorado, the African American Literature Book Club, the Colorado Daily, KGNU, Channel 8, Publishing Perspectives, News India Times, Voice of America, Colorado Matters, PBS, Arts District, Olivia Chadha Blog, Kent Newburn Blog, CU Boulder Arts and Sciences, and radio stations across Colorado and Western states including New Mexico, Wyoming, Maine, and San Francisco.



JLF Colorado gained the attention of several extremely popular bookstagrammers as well as influential media from around the country, building a bigger story throughout the US. The Festival received promotion and listings in event calendars across the State, libraries and bookstores throughout the region, author pages, writing groups, and in universities across the Front Range.



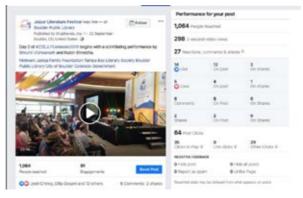
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For over 25 years, Teamwork Arts has taken India to the world and brought the world to India, presenting the finest of Indian performers, writers and visual artists in the cultural and art space in India and abroad.

Teamwork Arts produces the world 's largest free literary gathering, the Jaipur Literature Festival, as well as the Ishara International Puppet Festival in New Delhi, the annual Mahindra Excellence in Theater Awards Festival - META, and additionally international festivals such as Shared History in South Africa, India by the Nile in Egypt, Eye on India in the US, India by the

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Our musical extravaganza, *Bollywood Love Story - A Musical*, continues to tour the world and has sold out shows in Austria, Germany, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland and Egypt.

Our international festivals in India have included OZFest, a festival of Australia, and the bi-annual Bonjour India, a festival of France, with more than 200 events across 18 cities, featuring 250+ artists, designers, researchers, and entrepreneurs.

Above all, we at Teamwork Arts believe in love and respect for the artist.

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