

LAMOTT KICKS OFF NM WOMEN AUTHORS' BOOK FESTIVAL

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Monday, August 23, 2010

Santa Fe, N.M. —Critically acclaimed author Anne Lamott kicks off the New Mexico Women Authors' Festival Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 7 p.m. at the historic Lensic Theater in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Lamott will present a one-hour talk about her newest book, "Imperfect Birds."

Lamott, often referred to as the "people's author," is an uncommon writer who traverses the worlds of spirituality and religion without alienating those uncomfortable with either, and she does so with humor, intelligence and grace. A political activist, progressive and author of several novels and works of non-fiction, Lamott's writings cover such subjects as alcoholism, single motherhood and Christianity.



Lamott has explained: "I try to write the books I would love to come upon - that are honest, concerned with real lives, human hearts, spiritual transformation, families, secrets, wonder, craziness — and that can make me laugh. When I'm reading a book like this, I feel rich and profoundly relieved to be in the presence of someone who will share the truth with me and throw the lights on a little, and I try to write these kinds of books. Books, for me, are medicine."

"Imperfect Birds," is a sequel to "Crooked Little Heart" and "Rosie." The book opens during the complicated moment in a family's life when a child is hovering between adolescence and adulthood. "Life with most teenagers," Lamott notes, "was like having a low-grade bladder infection. It hurt, but you had to tough it out."

"We are very pleased to be able to kick-off the New Mexico Women Authors' Festival with Anne Lamott," says John Stafford, founder of the festival and director of retail operations, Museum of New Mexico Foundation. "She'll be speaking about 'Imperfect Birds,' which is a thoughtful novel about a family crisis, and in typical Lamott fashion, doesn't ignore the pain or exalt in despair. Lecture-goers will enjoy Lamott's ability to capture the conflicted feelings of many parents and difficult issues, often with comedic hyperbole. I encourage people to join us for this interesting lecture that benefits the Museum of New Mexico Foundation."

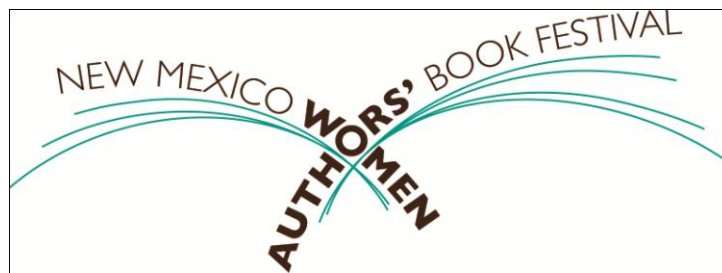
Lamott was born in San Francisco, and is a graduate of Drew School. Her father, Kenneth Lamott, was also a writer. His death was the focus of her first published novel "Hard Laughter." She has one son, Sam, who was born in 1989 and a grandson, Jax.

WHAT: Anne Lamott kicks off the New Mexico Women Authors' Festival with a one-hour talk about her newest book, "Imperfect Birds."

WHEN: Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Lensic Theater, 211 West San Francisco Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501

TICKETS: \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, (505) 988-1234 or online at www.ticketssantafe.org



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Tuesday, August 17, 2010

NEW MEXICO WOMEN AUTHORS' BOOK FESTIVAL

Santa Fe, N.M. —The third annual New Mexico Women Authors' Book Festival (NMWABF) benefiting the Museum of New Mexico Foundation opens to the public Saturday, October 2 and runs through Sunday, October 3, 2010, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the New Mexico History Museum. The festival celebrates the joy of reading and the creative power of New Mexico's women writers. The program expands this year with best-selling author Anne Lamott kicking off the festival with a ticketed event Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the historic Lensic Theatre in downtown Santa Fe.



More than 110 talented New Mexican female authors who have been juried into the festival will discuss their current work and craft in 30-minute segments Saturday and Sunday in six different venues throughout the New Mexico History Museum (NMHM) campus. Authors will be grouped by Fiction, History/Biography, Poetry, Food/Cooking, Creative Arts, Spirit/Health, Children and Special Topics. They will be presented in three tents in the Palace Courtyard, the auditorium, the Meem Community Room and the Learning Center.

“New Mexico has a long history as a literary mecca,” says John Stafford, founder of the festival and director of retail operations, Museum of New Mexico Foundation. “We built the festival with the hopes that we can offer something to everyone in terms of world-class lectures, talks, book signings and events for both the general public and authors. Friday, October 1, is an educational day for authors with seminars throughout the day on a variety of subjects. These events will be programmed and supported by the NMWABF Authors' Committee.

“We launched New Mexico Creates in 2002 with 319 artists in the program, and now work with more than 1,200 New Mexico artists,” says Stafford. “Over the last five years the MNMF Shops have purchased over \$5,500,000 of works directly from these authors, artists and artisans, helping build their livelihoods as well as contributing to the economy of New Mexico. Please join us for an enlightening literary week and support the Museum of New Mexico.”

The New Mexico Women Authors' Book Festival is organized and produced by the Museum of New Mexico Foundation Shops, part of the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, through the MNMF Shops initiative “New Mexico Creates.” The mission of New Mexico Creates is to promote and strengthen creative entrepreneurs while offering visitors and New Mexico citizens the best of New Mexico and supporting the units of the Museum of New Mexico.

Book sales and authors' book signings will take place in the lobby of New Mexico History Museum. Music, food and special presentations include the Palace Print Shop, Santa Fe's Book Arts Group and the Fray Angelico Library, creating a fun and educational event expected to draw over 3,000 people. The festival is generously supported by the Marineau Family Foundation and more than 60 volunteers who devote many hours of their time to make the event a success.

WHAT: New Mexico Women Authors' Book Festival

WHERE: New Mexico History Museum, 113 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM, 87501

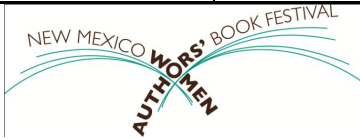
WHEN: Friday, October 1, Author Workshops.

Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3, open to the public.

COST: Free.

Poetry-Meem	Spirit and Health - Tent 1	History & Biography-Tent 2	Fiction - Tent 3	Children's- Learning Ctr	Special Topics- NMHM Auditorium	
	Michelle Rozbitsky	Nancy Benson		Marcy Heller		11:00AM
Catherine Strisik			Irene Blea		Valerie Nye/Kathy Barco - <i>The Joy of Co- Authoring</i>	11:10AM
	Ruth Drayer	Kathryn Flynn		Jenny Sue Kostecki- Shaw		
Renee Gregorio			Hana Samek Norton		Susan Topp Weber - <i>Christmas on the Pueblos</i>	11:45AM
	Jillian Brasch	Barbe Awalt		Carla Aragon		12:15PM
Valerie Martinez			Penny Rudolph		Trish Porter - <i>U.S. Olympian on Rekindle Your Dream - Energize Your Life</i>	12:20PM
	Phaedra Greenwood	Lois Rudnick		Necy Twinem		12:40PM
Sallie Bingham			Martha Egan		TBA	12:55PM
	open	Sally Denton		Sue Houser/Jill Lane		1:10PM
Joan Logghe			Judith Ryan Hendricks		TBA	1:30PM
	Sally K. Severino	Shelby Tisdale		Jennifer Cervantes		1:45PM
Michelle Holland			Jo-Ann Mapson		Open (Librarians)	2:05PM
	Meta Chaya Hirschl	Virginia Scharff		Barbara Mayfield		2:15PM
Elizabeth Raby			Melody Groves		to be announced	2:40PM
	Open	Carolyn Meyer		Connie Gotsch		

Susan Gardner			Jonna-Lynn Mandlebaum		Jan Zimmerman - Marketing Your Writing and Art Online	3:15PM
	Marianne Powers	Lesley Poling-Kempes		Judith Newton		3:30PM
Veronica Golos			Lucretia Tippit		to be announced	3:50PM
						4:15PM
						4:30PM
Festival Closes						5:00PM



Sunday, October 3, 2010

Poetry-Meem	Spirit and Health Tent 1	History & Biography-Tent 2	Fiction - Tent 3	Creative Arts - Learning Center	Special Topics-NMHM Auditorium	
	Elaine Pinkerton	Karen Kershen		Victoria Rabinowe		11:00AM
Carol Moldaw			Linda Jacobs		Malka Drucker - Telling the Truth to Children: Adventures of a Children's Book Writer.	11:10AM
	Marcia Starck	Patricia Fogelman Lange		Nancy King		11:20AM
Marilyn Stablien			Hadley Finch		Lisa Lenard Cook/ Lynn C. Miller - ABQ Writers Co-op Presents!	11:30AM
	Judith McLaughlin	Melissa Powell / C Jill Grady		Karen McKinnon		11:45AM
Barbara Rockman			Pamela Christie		Open (Booksellers)	12:20PM
	Pat Shapiro	Lois Ellen Frank		Carol Olmstead		12:30PM
Helene Silverblatt / Dora Calott Wang			Jane Lindskold		to be announced	12:55PM
	Mirabai Starr	Martha Shipman Andrews		Sherri Silverman		1:20PM
Anne Valley-Fox			Meg Mullins		Christine Barber - Why is Santa Fe So Scary	1:30PM

	Christina Florence	Annie Lux		Marcia Keegan		1:45PM
Linda Wilbur-Whittenberg			Pari Noskin Taichert		Anne Hillerman - <i>On the Road with Chee and Leaphorn - the Story of Tony Hillerman's Landscape</i>	2:05PM
	Clayton Coburn	Phyllis S. Morgan		Dilys Evans		2:30PM
Zelda Leah Gatuskin			Mary E. Neighbour		Deborah Madison - <i>Finding Great Fruit to Serve as the Last Course of the Meal</i>	2:40PM
	Natalie Reid	Maragaret Moore Booker		Nicolasa M Chavez		3:00PM
Lori Romero			Judith Van Geison		Barbara Beasley Murphy - <i>Fridas' Kitchen</i>	3:15PM
	Jean Eva	Jacqueline Dunnington		Charleen Touchette		3:30PM
Elizabeth Fackler			Dodici Azpadu		Sharon Louise Crayton - <i>Traveling the Kitchens of the World and Learning Mindfulness Along the Way</i>	3:50PM
						4:15PM
Festival Closes						5:00PM

New Mexico Women Authors' Book Festival Schedule

Friday, October 1, 2010

Educational Presentations for Authors

Learning Center

- 11 a.m. Pari Noskin Taichert *Publishing options for already published writers*
12 p.m. Martha Egan *Writing for the Multicultural Audience*
1 p.m. Barbe Awalt and Sabra Brown Steinsiek *NM Centennial For Writers- Resources, Opportunities*
2 p.m. Susan Gardner *Multilingual experiences, writing, reading and living a multilingual life; Poetry in the Here and Now; the influence of Buddhist philosophy on perceptions of reality*
3 p.m. Lisa Lenard Cook & Lynn C. Miller *Knock 'Em Dead at the Mike (Performance Pointers for Writers)*
4 p.m. Valerie Martinez *The Necessity of Poetry, Today and Everyday*
5 p.m. Sallie Bingham *Teaching Poetry to Students Who Hate Poetry*
6 p.m. Elizabeth Raby *A workshop offering techniques for writing poetry that apply equally to adults and children*

Meem Room

- 11 a.m. Penny Rudolph *How to write a super query letter and/or how to break all the rules and land an agent and publisher*
12 p.m. Nancy King *How stories have saved and shaped lives; how they help us explain and make sense of events in lives*
1 p.m. Victoria Rabinowe *The Creative Genius of the Night Mind*
2 p.m. Pamela Christie *Wives, Wantons and Witches? More than the above! A discussion on creating full-character women in historical fiction, particularly given the limited information available in texts.*
3 p.m. Jennifer Cervantes *Childrens' Stories that Cross Borders*
4 p.m. Linda Jacobs *The Good, the Bad, the Ugly: Dealing with rejection from editors and agents from NY to Hollywood*
5 p.m. Virginia Scharff *How seeing women in history makes history look different*

New Mexico Women Authors' Book Festival Authors

Interviews Available with the following authors:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Pavilion</u>
Valerie Martinez	Poetry
Christina Florence	Spirit and Health
Lesley Poling -Kempes	
Elizabeth Raby	Poetry
Karen McKinnon	Creative Arts
Linda Whittenberg	Poetry
Sallie Bingham	Poetry
Margaret Moore Booker	History/Biography
Lori Romero	Poetry
Joan Logghe	Poetry
Kate Buckley	Children's or Fiction
Marcia Keegan	Creative Arts
Lois Rudnick	History and Biography
Nancy King	Creative Arts
Jan Marquart	
Hope Kiah	
Barbe Awalt	History/Biography
Phyllis S. Morgan	History/Biography
Patricia Fogelman Lange	History/Biography
Jonna-Lynn K. Mandelbaum	Fiction
Carol Moldaw	Poetry
Jill Lane	Children's
Valerie Storey	Children's, Creative Arts
Barbara Robidoux	Fiction
Hadley Finch	
Madeleine Herrmann	Fiction

Melody Groves	Fiction, History
Carol M. Olmstead	Creative Arts
Judith Van Gieson	Fiction and Special Topics
Meg Mullins	Fiction
Jane Lindsfold	Fiction
Penny Rudolph	Fiction
Susan Gardner	Poetry
Hana Samek Norton	Fiction
Bertie Stroup Marah	Biography
Sunamita Lim	Special Topics
Jeanne Simonoff	History and Biography
Martha Shipman Andrews	History
Nancy C. Benson	History and Biography
Dodici Azpadu	Fiction
Clayton Coburn	Spirit and Health
Sue Houser	Children's
Michele Heeney	Poetry
Pat Shapiro	Spirit and Health
Susan Topp Weber	History and Biography
Pamela Christie	Fiction
Sally Denton	
Lois Ruby	Children's
Michele Ama Wehali	Spirit and Health
Jo-Ann Mapson	Fiction-Sunday
Elizabeth Fackler	Poetry
Meta Chaya Hirschl	Spirit and Health
Lucy Gair Rosen	Special Topics
Margaret Tessler	Fiction
Judith Newton	Children's
Karen Kerschen	History and Biography
Connie Gotsch	Children's
Jennifer Cervantes	Children's
Nicolasa M. Chávez	History
Ruth Abrams Drayer	History and Biography
Charleen Touchette	Creativity and her memoir
Sabra Brown Steinsiek	
Lisa Lenard Cook & Lynn C. Miller	Special Topics, Fiction, Creative Arts
Gay Block	Special Topics, Photography
Janet Eigner	Poetry
Shelby J. Tisdale, Ph.D.	History and Biography
Janie Oakes	Poetry
Linda Jacobs	Fiction
Melissa S. Powell & C. Jill Grady	Art or History and Biography
Jane Lipman	Poetry
Gloria Dyc	Fiction
Natalie Reid	Spirit and Health
Jillian Brasch	Spirit and Health or Creative Arts
Dilys Evans	
Necy Twinem	Children's
Phaedra Greenwood	Spirit and Health or Creative Arts
Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw	Children's
Anne Valley-Fox	Poetry
Elaine Pinkerton	Spirit, Health and Family
Jacqueline Dunnington	History
Susan McDuffie	Fiction
Lois Ellen Frank	History and Biography, Food and Cooking or Creative Arts
Nancy R. Bartlit	History and Biography
Marilyn Stablein	Poetry
Veronica Golos	Poetry
Catherine Strisik	Poetry
Annie Lux	History and Biography
Mary Mortensen Diecker	History and Biography

Pari Noskin Taichert	Fiction or Special Topics
Martha Egan	Fiction
Marianne Powers	Spirit and Health
Helene Silverblatt	Poetry
Sherri Silverman	Creative Arts or Special Topix
Mirabai Starr	Spirit and Health or Poetry
Kathy Barco	
Cindy Bellinger	Spirit and Health
Virginia Scharff	History and Biography
Dora Calott Wang	Special Topix
Renee Gregorio	Special Topix
Adalucia Quan	Children's or Special Topix
Mary E. Neighbour	Fiction or History
Zelda Leah Gatuskin	Poetry
Lucretia Tippit	Publishing on Demand-Special Topix
Barbara Rockman	Poetry
Carolyn Meyer	History and Biography
Carla Aragón	Children's
Judith McLaughlin	History/Biography or Spirit/Health
Katherine Wells	History/Biography
Barbara Mayfield	Children's
Trish Porter	Special Topix
Edith Tarbescu	Children's
Valerie Nye	Special Topix
Jan Zimmeramn	Special Topix
Jessica Mills	Children's
Sharon Louise Crayton	Cooking
Inez Ross	History and Biography
Judith Ryan Hendricks	Fiction
Marcia Starck	History and Biography
Victoria Rabinowe	Creative Arts
Cynthia West	Poetry
Malka Drucker	History, Biography
Jean Eva Thumm-Bochenski	Spirit and Health
Elsie Karr Kreischer	Childrens
Sally K. Severino	Spirit and Health
Michelle Holland	Poetry
Marcy Heller	Childrens
Cary G. Osborne	Fiction

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