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Hay Festival announces new Bogotá39 selection: Latin America's best writers under 40

Bogota, Colombia: [Hay Festival](#) has today announced the *Bogotá39-2017*: a selection of the best fiction writers under 40 from across Latin America.

The latest in the Hay Festival 39s series supporting the next generation of great writers around the world, the *Bogotá39-2017* selection will be showcased in a new anthology of work, published in Colombia by independent editorials and translated and published in the UK by Oneworld in January 2018, and celebrated in live events at Hay Festival Cartagena de Indias, 25-28 January 2018.

Writers were selected by an expert jury comprised of **Darío Jaramillo** (Colombia), **Leila Guerriero** (Argentina) and **Carmen Boulosa** (Mexico), following a process of open submissions, which saw over 200 writers put forward for the list.

Highlighting the diversity and talent of the region's literature, fifteen countries are represented on the list (see below): **Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, México, Perú, Puerto Rico, República Dominicana, Uruguay and Venezuela.**

The announcement comes ten years after the first *Bogotá 39* selection was made to mark Bogotá as World Book Capital 2007. A marker for a generation of Latin American literature, writers from that list went on to become renowned names of Hispanic literature, including **Juan Gabriel Vásquez, Daniel Alarcón, Guadalupe Nettel** and **Alejandro Zambra.**

The list was revealed at the 30th International Book Fair of Bogota (FILBO) featuring two of the jurors **Darío Jaramillo** and **Carmeen Boulos**, editor **Margarita Valencia**, project coordinator **Camilo Hoyos**, and International Director of Hay Festival **Cristina Fuentes La Roche.**

Cristina Fuentes La Roche, International Director of Hay Festival, said:

“Ten years on from our first Bogotá39 selection in 2007, we are delighted to reveal a new list of writers to mark a new generation of Latin American writing talent. With events now running annually in Colombia, Peru and Mexico, we are proud to use this platform to celebrate the continent's emerging literary stars. We hope the *Bogotá39-2017* are as warmly received as their predecessors.”

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Carlos Manuel Álvarez (Cuba)
Frank Báez (Dominican Republic)
Natalia Borges Polesso (Brasil)
Giuseppe Caputo (Colombia)
Juan Cárdenas (Colombia)
Mauro Javier Cárdenas (Ecuador)

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María José Caro (Perú)
Martín Felipe Castagnet (Argentina)
Liliana Colanzi (Bolivia)
Juan Esteban Constain (Colombia)
Lola Copacabana (Argentina)
Gonzalo Eltesch (Chile)
Diego Erlan (Argentina)
Daniel Ferreira (Colombia)
Carlos Fonseca (Costa Rica)
Damián González Bertolino (Uruguay)
Sergio Gutiérrez Negrón (Puerto Rico)
Gabriela Jauregui (Mexico)
Laia Jufresa (Mexico)
Mauro Libertella (Argentina)
Brenda Lozano (Mexico)
Valeria Luiselli (Mexico)
Alan Mills (Guatemala)
Emiliano Monge (Mexico)
Mónica Ojeda (Ecuador)
Eduardo Plaza (Chile)
Eduardo Rabasa (Mexico)
Felipe Restrepo Pombo (Colombia)
Juan Manuel Robles (Peru)
Cristian Romero (Colombia)
Juan Pablo Ronconce (Chile)
Daniel Saldaña París (Mexico)
Samanta Schweblin (Argentina)
Jesús Miguel Soto (Venezuela)
Luciana Sousa (Argentina)
Mariana torres (Brasil)
Valentín Trujillo (Uruguay)
Claudia Ulloa Donoso (Peru)
Diego Zúñiga (Chile)

Hay Festival brings readers and writers together in conversation in sustainable events around the world – sharing stories and ideas to inspire, examine and entertain, inviting participants to imagine the world as it is and as it might be. This year marks the festival's 30th anniversary; dreamt up around a kitchen table in Hay-on-Wye in 1987, the unique marriage of exacting conversations and entertainment for all ages has travelled to editions in 30 locations, from the historic town of Cartagena to the heart of cities in Peru, Mexico, Spain and Denmark.

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Hay Festival brings readers and writers together to share stories and ideas in sustainable events around the world. The festivals inspire, examine and entertain, inviting participants to imagine the world as it is and as it might be.

Nobel Prize-winners and novelists, scientists and politicians, historians and musicians talk with audiences in a dynamic exchange of ideas. The festival's global conversation shares the latest thinking in the arts and sciences with curious audiences live, in print and digitally. Hay Festival also runs wide programmes of education work supporting coming generations of writers and culturally hungry audiences of all ages.

In 1987 the festival was dreamt up around a kitchen table in Hay. 30 years later, the unique marriage of exacting conversations and entertainment for all ages has travelled to editions in 30 locations, from the historic town of Cartagena to the heart of cities in Peru, Mexico, Spain and Denmark. The organisation now reaches a global audience of thousands every year and continues to grow and innovate, building partnerships and initiatives alongside some of the leading bodies in arts and the media, including global partners: the BBC, ACW, TATA, and the British Council; friends of Hay Festival: Visit Wales, Baillie Gifford, Oxfam, and Good Energy; and international partners: Wales Arts International and AC/E.

Acclaimed author, actor and writer **Stephen Fry** is President of the organisation; **Peter Florence** is Director; and **Caroline Michel**, CEO of leading literary and talent agency Peters Fraser and Dunlop, is Chair of the festival board.

2017 festival dates:

- [Hay Festival Wales](#), UK (25 May – 4 Jun)
- [Hay Festival Queretaro](#), Mexico (7 – 10 Sep)
- [Hay Festival Segovia](#), Spain (22 – 24 Sep)
- [European Children's Literature Hay Festival Aarhus](#), Denmark (26 – 29 Oct)
- [Hay Festival Arequipa](#), Peru (9 – 12 Nov)
- [Hay Festival Wales Winter Weekend](#), UK (24 – 26 Nov)
- [Hay Festival Cartagena de Indias](#), Colombia (25 – 28 Jan 2018)