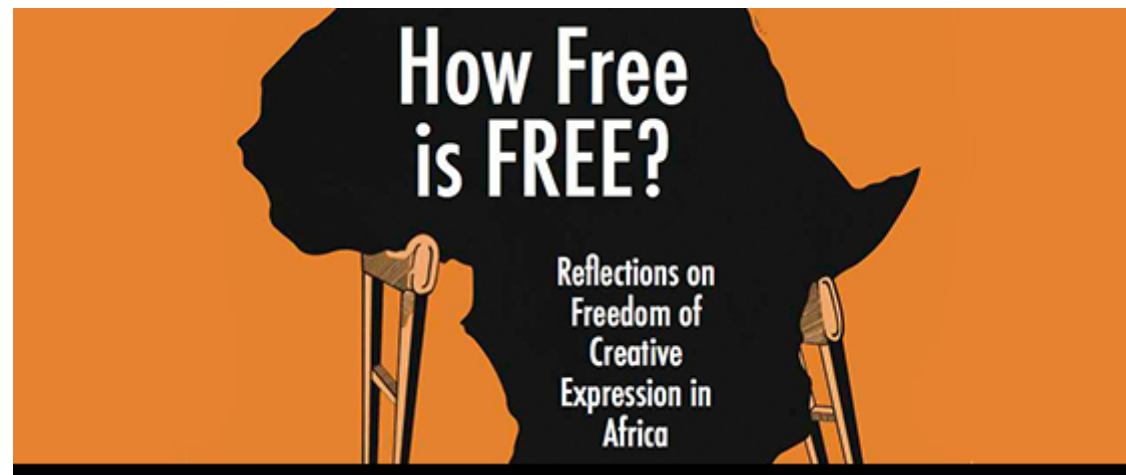


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Excerpts from Arterial Network's eBook on Freedom of Creative Expression in Africa

Arterial Network, a civil-society network of artists and others working in Africa's creative and cultural sectors, has released a free eBook titled *How Free is FREE? Reflections on Freedom of Creative Expression in Africa*. The compilation features writing from 25 authors from 14 countries, including pieces by PEN SA members Albie Sachs, Lauren Beukes and Yewande Omotoso, as well as one by PEN SA Student Writing Prize-winner Koleka Putuma.

Sachs, Beukes and Omotoso will be speaking at the launch of the book in Cape Town on Wednesday 14 September at 6 PM. The event will be held at Alliance Française du Cap, 155 Loop Street and will feature a panel discussion titled 'Between Fact and Fiction: Freedom of Creative Expression in South Africa'.

Arterial Network have kindly allowed us to share excerpts from Beukes and Omotoso's pieces:

– Excerpt from “Cupboards in the Dark” by Yewande Omotoso

– Excerpt from “Riding with the Dream Patrol” by Lauren Beukes

Read more about How Free is FREE? and access the full eBook here.

PEN Calls for Urgent Dialogue About Situation at UKZN

As the first anniversary of the RhodesMustFall and FeesMustFall movements approach, violence and protest continues at South African universities...[read more](#)



Justin Fox Reflects on the 2016 McGregor Poetry Festival

"The fourth McGregor Poetry Festival took place from 26 to 28 August 2016, coordinated and run by a local team led by Billy Kennedy and Jennifer Johnson. McGregor hosts this intimate festival each year in a number of venues throughout the town, ranging from restaurants and churches, to art galleries and libraries. With the focal point at Temenos Retreat, all venues are within easy walking distance of one another and there's a convivial and intimate atmosphere in the town." [...read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Film Adaptation of Tracey Farren's Novel, *Whiplash*

PEN SA member Tracey Farren's novel *Whiplash* has been adapted to film under the title *Tess*, directed by Meg Rickards. The film won three awards at the 2016 Durban International Film Festival and will be showing for a week at Cinema Nouveau at Cape Town's V&A Waterfront from Friday 16 September...[read more](#)

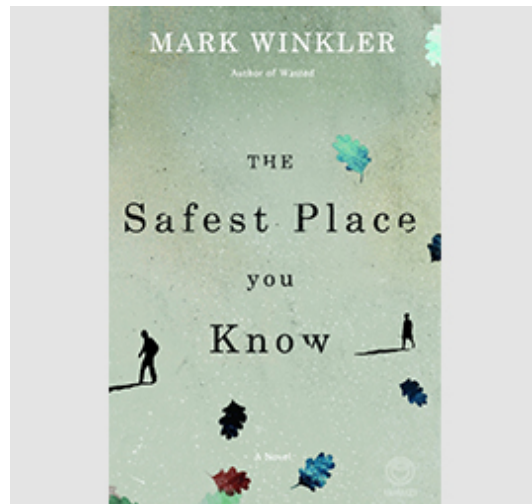
CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

2017 Commonwealth Short Story Prize...[read more](#)

2016 Etisalat Flash Fiction Award...[read](#)

PEN SA members Helen Moffett, Andrew Brown and Marianne Thamm are launching their latest books this month and Jim Pascual Agustin and Kerry Hammerton will be taking part in a poetry reading on Heritage Day...[read more](#)

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



Recent titles from PEN SA members [The Safest Place You Know](#) by Mark Winkler and [Some Schools](#) by CJ (Jonty) Driver, which was published this month...[read more](#)

MAN BOOKER PRIZE

[more](#)

2017 Short Sharp Stories Award...[read more](#)

Call for Papers for the Writing for Liberty Conference 2017...[read more](#)

'Three Score and Ten' Poetry Competition...[read more](#)

An African Story – Call for Authors and Translators...[read more](#)

Best “New” African Poets 2016 Anthology...[read more](#)

African Pen Short Story Competition...[read more](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Christine Coates, Fiona Khan, Sihle Ntuli, Jim Pascual Agustin, Arja Salafranca, Karin Schimke, Athol Williams, Nick Mulgrew and PEN SA Student Prize-winner Koleka Putuma have been longlisted for the 2016 Sol Plaatje EU Poetry Award and Anthology. Williams, Mulgrew and Putuma all have poems on the highly commended list...[read more](#)

SHORTLIST

Honorary PEN SA member JM Coetzee was on the Man Booker longlist, but has not been included on the shortlist. The shortlisted authors are Paul Beatty, Deborah Levy, Graeme Macrae Burnet, Ottessa Moshfegh, David Szalay and Madeleine Thien...[read more](#)

WELCOME!

Welcome to new Professional member Allan Horwitz.

FIONA KHAN CALLING FOR BOOK DONATIONS

PEN SA member Fiona Khan has started a Travelling Books Project and is calling for book donations...[read more](#)

Send us your news

Had a book published recently? Attended or participated in a festival? Won an award? Achieved a personal milestone of note? We welcome any news of your

Christine Coates is also the runner-up for The Short Story is Dead, Long Live the Short Story! Volume 2 prize...[read more](#)

PEN SA CENTRE NEWS

As we have a recent new addition to the PEN SA team, so we wanted to clarify who to contact for what:

- Oratile Mashazi, Advocacy and Projects Manager, can be contacted for all advocacy issues and project related queries on advocacy@pensouthafrica.co.za.
- Send your news to Lindsay Callaghan, Communications Manager, for inclusion on the website, social media and newsletter, on communications@pensouthafrica.co.za.
- Deborah Horn-Botha, Secretary, can be contacted if you have membership, or membership payment, queries on info@pensouthafrica.co.za.

activities for future issues of the PEN SA newsletter.

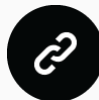
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