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Latest SAFREA Report Reveals Difficult Realities of South African Freelancers

The Southern African Freelancers' Association (SAFREA) has released their second annual **SA Media Freelance Industry and Rates Report**, which provides up-to-date insights on the country's freelance media industry.

Compiled from the responses of almost 400 freelancers, the report, in SAFREA's words, "aims to understand the nature of the industry and identify some the challenges – and opportunities – for freelancers working in media and communications in South Africa." It also rates trends for various media disciplines, "including writing and editing, graphic design, social media, and photography" – a useful pricing and benchmarking tool for freelancers.

The overall picture, despite positive for a fraction of freelancers, shows that the majority of freelancers are not thriving.

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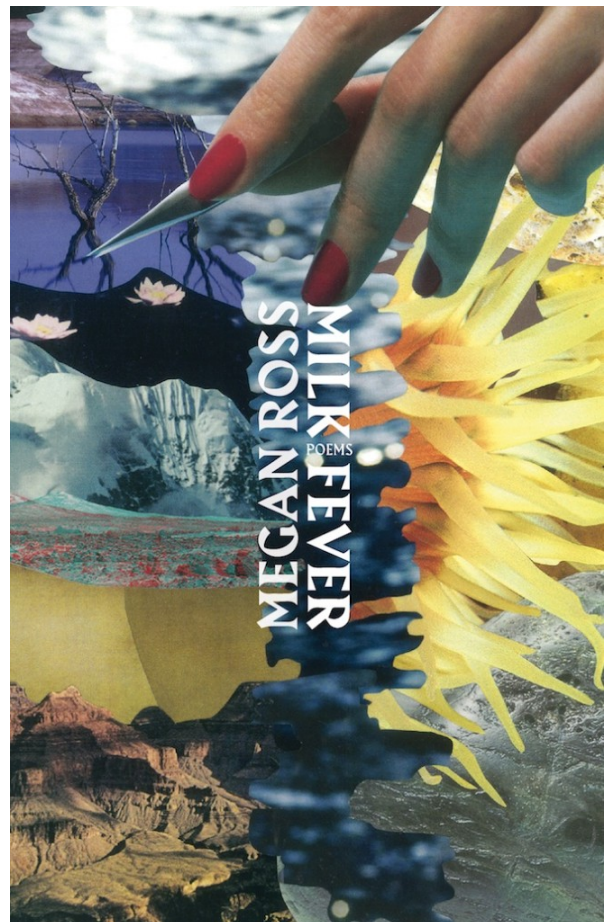
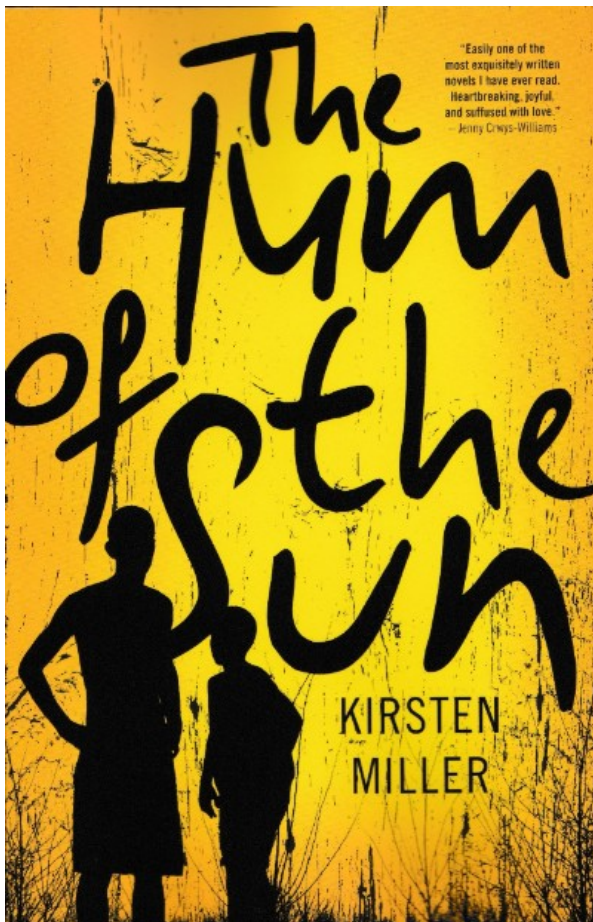
What to See at Franschhoek Literary Festival 2018

The 2018 Franschhoek Literary Festival takes over the Western Cape town in the middle of next month, and with so much on the programme (**and so many PEN SA members to see!**), it might be difficult to figure out what's worth going to. And with so many events featuring the big names being sold out, you might be looking for a worthwhile second choice.

Our staff picked out some great events to see, including many of our members, with a sprinkling of fascinating poetry readings, discussions and workshops you might have otherwise overlooked.

See our selection here.

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



New and upcoming releases from PEN SA members include *The Hum of the Sun* by Kirsten Miller, *Milk Fever* by Megan Ross, *101 Water Wise Ways* by Helen Moffett, and an anthology featuring Abigail George.

Please send new releases to newslettereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check our calendar of literary events in April by clicking [here](#), or find our May calendar by clicking [here](#).

Please submit your literary events for conclusion on our events calendar by e-mailing newsletereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to PEN SA member Sindiswa Busuku-Mathese, whose debut collection *Loud and Yellow Laughter* was awarded the 2018 Ingrid Jonker Prize for Poetry in English. [Read more](#)

PEN SA members William Kentridge and Mike van Graan are both awarded honorary doctorates by the University of Pretoria this graduation season. [Read more](#)

PEN SA member Henrietta Rose-Innes's short story "Snake Story", originally published by the *Johannesburg Review of Books*, has been nominated for the African Speculative Fiction Society's Nommo Award for Short Story. [Read more](#)

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

[YA Manuscript Submissions Open for 2018 Maskew Miller Longman Awards](#) (Deadline 4 May)

[Enter the 2018 South African Literary Awards](#) (Deadline 31 May)

[The Bodley Head/FT Essay Prize 2018](#) (Deadline 31 May)

[The 2018 Dinaane Debut Fiction Award is Open for Submissions](#) (Open to all SADC Citizens; Deadline 30 June)

[Stellenbosch University Museum Calls for Creative Submissions on the Future of Universities](#) (Deadline 16 July)

[Entries Open for SCrIBE Scriptwriting Competition](#) (Deadline 31 July)

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