

Workshops

Writing Week: July 17-21

1. Angie Abdou – Advanced Class:

For writers who have already participated in introductory writer workshops and feel ready to advance their writing practice, delving into deeper level critique and theory, this class provides a week of advanced instruction and mentorship.

2. Kevin Chong's Fiction/Prose Narrative Class

In this five-day session, we will explore the principles of story structure, dialogue, setting, and tension using examples from published work and writing prompts. We will also look at professional aspects of writing, including query letters, book promotion, and maintaining a regular writing practice.

Workshops:

Small group workshops for attendees who want to devote 3 hours to a particular topic.

Ian Ferguson – Thursday July 18, 2024, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Writing Funny – how to create humour from observation, everyday occurrences, and an outsider's perspective.

Will Ferguson – Thursday July 18, 2024, 2:00 – 5:00 pm Travel Writing & the Elements of Fiction – the artful use of the telling detail, character revealed through dialogue, establishing a consistent tone and voice, and crafting a sense of place.

Iona Wishaw – Thursday July 18, 2024, 2:00 – 5:00 pm Writing Engaging Characters - we will explore together what an engaging character is.

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DENMAN ISLAND Readers & Writers FESTIVAL

JULY
19th - 21st, 2024



David Bergen
Kevin Chong
Sarah Cox
Ian Ferguson
Will Ferguson
Des Kennedy
Angela Sterritt
Frank Tester
Siila Watt-Cloutier
Iona Wishaw
+ Readings from
Denman Authors

Moderators:
Angie Abdou
Des Kennedy
Darrel McLeod



Friday

8:30

Registration

9:30-9:45 Opening

9:45-10:45

Solo: **Des Kennedy**

11:00-12:00

Solo: **Siila Watt-Cloutier**

12:15-1:15 Lunch

1:30-2:30

Solo: **David Bergen**

2:45-3:45

Solo: **Iona Wishaw**

4:00-5:00

Solo: **Kevin Chong**

5:00-6:00 Happy Hour

Randy Duncan

6:00-7:15 Dinner

7:30-9:15 Main Stage:

(1) *Unbroken: Resilience and Indigenous Voices* with Angela Sterritt, in conversation with Darrel McLeod

(2) *Environmental Journalism's Impact in British Columbia* with Sarah Cox in conversation with Darrel McLeod



Saturday

9:30-10:30

Solo: **Ian and Will Ferguson**

10:45-11:45

Solo: **Angela Sterritt**

12:00-1:00

Lunch

1:15-2:15

Solo: **Frank Tester**

2:30-3:30

Solo: **Sarah Cox**

3:45-5:15 Denman Writers

5:15-6:00 Happy Hour

Tai McGillivray

6:00-7:15

Dinner

7:30-9:00 Main Stage:

Mystery, Memory and Duality: A Literary Discussion with Kevin Chong, David Bergen and Iona Wishaw, and moderated by Angie Abdou

Sunday

10:00-12:45 Main Stage:

(1) *Inuit Resilience, Colonial 'Wrongs' and Climate Justice: A conversation* with Siila Watt-Cloutier and Frank Tester, moderated by Darrel McLeod

(2) *Don't Make Me Laugh! The high art of writing fine humour*, a conversation with Ian Ferguson, Will Ferguson and Des Kennedy

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