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## THE 2022 NEUSTADT LIT FEST October 24–26, 2022

Senegalese writer **Boubacar Boris Diop** will headline the 2022 Neustadt Lit Fest as the twenty-seventh laureate of the prestigious Neustadt International Prize for Literature. Diop (b. 1946, Dakar) is the author of many novels, plays, and essays. Toni Morrison called his novel *Murambi: The Book of Bones* “a miracle,” and the Zimbabwe International Book Fair listed it as one of the one hundred best African books of the twentieth century.

The Lit Fest will be hosted on Zoom and livestreamed on WLT’s YouTube channel. Participating scholars include Anna Badkhen (Writer and Guggenheim Fellow), Bojana Coulibaly (Harvard University), Jennifer Croft (the Man Booker Prize-winning translator who successfully nominated Diop for the award), Maramé Gueye (East Carolina University), and Fatoumata Seck (Stanford University) as well as OU African Studies Institute professors Kalenda Eaton, Rita Keresztesi, and Bala Saho. Dr. Mamadou Tangara, Gambia’s foreign affairs minister, will also take part.

In addition to the focus on Diop, day 1 of the festival will feature readings by the jury for the 2023 NSK Neustadt Prize for Children’s and Young Adult Literature. Day 3 will culminate with the world premiere of the *Black and Blues* dance film based on Diop’s prose poem of the same name, under the artistic direction of Marie Casimir, followed by Diop delivering the 2022 Neustadt keynote talk.

For complete details, visit  
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