

**PRESS RELEASE November 1st, 2021**

**ROMANIA ROCKS 2 starts this week!**

**The second ROMANIAN-BRITISH LITERATURE FESTIVAL takes place  
from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 in London  
with TOP AUTHORS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES**

**THE ROCK TALKS:**

**Jonathan Coe & Mircea Cărtărescu – Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** <https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/romania-rocks-2-rock-talks-jonathan-coe-meets-mircea-cartarescu/>

**Monique Roffey & Miruna Vlada – Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Nov:** <https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/romania-rocks-2-rock-talks-monique-roffey-meets-miruna-vlada/>

**Lionel Shriver & Marina Constantinescu – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Nov:** <https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/romania-rocks-2-rock-talks-lionel-shriver-meets-marina-constantinescu/>

**Tracy Chevalier & Ioana Pârvulescu – Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov:** <https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/romania-rocks-2-rock-talks-tracy-chevalier-meets-ioana-parvulescu/>

**Tracy Chevalier with Ioana Nicolaie, Lavinia Branîște, Doina Ruști & Ioana Bâldea Constantinescu – Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Nov:** <https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/romania-rocks-2-rock-talks-tracy-chevalier-meets-doina-rusti-ioana-nicolaie-lavinia-braniste-and-ioana-baldea-constantinescu/>

**SPECIAL POETRY AND TRANSLATION EVENTS:**

**Feast of Words. Romanian Women Poets with Gabriela Mocan, Ilinca Bernea, Svetlana Cârstean, Ruxandra Cesereanu, Anastasia Gavrilovici, Deniz Otay, Ana Sândelescu & Elena Vlădăreanu – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Nov:** <https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/romania-rocks-2-special-events-feast-of-words-romanian-women-poets/>

**FEM and PEN with Magda Cârneci, Jennifer Clement and Carles Torner – Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Nov:** <https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/romania-rocks-2-special-events-fem-and-pen/>

**The Art of Translation. Romanian Literature Across Borders with Gabriela Mocan, Sean Cotter, Jozefina Komporal, Diana Manole & Viorica Patea – Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Nov:** <https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/romania-rocks-2-special-events-the-art-of-translation-romanian-literature-across-borders/>

In the headline series of **ROCK TALKS**, the **ROMANIA ROCKS 2** literature festival features the best and brightest Romanian-British ‘rock star authors’ from both countries in conversation about the literature and ideas that matter to them and to the world today. The events are free – but you must register to attend – and take place from **Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tues 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021** at the **Romanian Cultural Institute (RCI)** in London. Many of the authors will appear in person (check programme for details), and events will be filmed and livestreamed.

In addition to ROCK TALKS, there are two **special events on translation and poetry**, as well as a Sunday night live performance of the Romanian rock band with a literary spin, **MOSES**. There's also a **PEN Romania and PEN International** discussion with Romanian author **Magda Cârneci**. A **BBC Radio 3 collaboration with Romania Rocks and the Royal Society of Literature** will be broadcast on November 23rd at 10pm, featuring **Mircea Cărtărescu, Georgina Harding and Philippe Sands**.

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#### **Schedule and Events**

The festival schedule, including biographies of all participants, as well as the full list of the events and booking details are published on: [\*\*http://www.icr-london.co.uk\*\*](http://www.icr-london.co.uk) and [\*\*https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/category/rom-rocks-2/\*\*](https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/category/rom-rocks-2/).

#### **Covid-19**

All precautions will be taken. It is highly recommended that all attendees wear masks on RCI premises. The goal is to hold as many events in person in front of live audiences. Due to the current Covid-19 crisis some events may be in hybrid digital-physical format. All events will be filmed, livestreamed and subsequently made available for free via our websites.

#### **Partners:**

**Royal Society of Literature**  
**BBC Radio 3**  
**European Literature Network**  
**EUNIC London**  
**PEN International**  
**PEN Romania**

#### **Bookselling`**

All the books featured in the festival are available to buy or order on the special Romania Rocks Festival section of bookshop.org: [\*\*https://uk.bookshop.org/lists/romania-rocks-2/\*\*](https://uk.bookshop.org/lists/romania-rocks-2/).

### **ROMANIA ROCKS: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The general goal of **Romania Rocks** is to bring together world class authors from both Romania and Britain to get to know each other, their cultures and their work, to encourage greater exchange, more translations and broader readership. **The original Romania Rocks festival in 2020** was the first festival of its kind and the first time such a large number of

Romania's and Britain's authors met in collaborative, creative conversation. In spite of the pandemic and of lockdown, the festival ran over four weeks and featured many major authors from both countries, from Ben Okri to Ana Blandiana.

If you'd like to revisit the first **ROMANIA ROCKS** festival from 2020, here's the link to the full programme of events and recordings on the RCI website: <http://www.icr-london.co.uk/article/romania-rocks-romanian-british-literature-festival.html>

If you'd like to access your free copy of **THE ROMANIAN RIVETER**, the first English-language literary magazine dedicated entirely to Romania, published by the European Literature Network, download here: <http://www.eurolitnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Romanian-Riveter-download.pdf>

**About the Romanian Cultural Institute:** The Romanian Cultural Institute is Romania's official organization which promotes Romanian culture, art and civilisation in the UK through international partnership programmes and events. It is a non-profit, non-political organisation, open to engage in any form of collaboration and partnership project-work: from government agencies to NGOs and individual artists or cultural promoters. In London, the Romanian Cultural Institute, located at 1 Belgrave Square, works to increase the visibility and impact of Romanian culture in Great Britain, Ireland and Iceland and to create enduring partnerships between Romanian artists and institutions and their local counterparts. More at: [www.icrlondon.co.uk](http://www.icrlondon.co.uk) | [www.facebook.com/ICRLondon](https://www.facebook.com/ICRLondon)

**About the European Literature Network:** The European Literature Network's principal mission is to help promote and champion European literature and translation in the UK, and across all the countries of Europe. We are a small dedicated group of passionate professionals who believe in networking, innovation, mutual support and European cultural collaboration. We meet in networking groups and run a popular networking website. We publish Riveting Reviews, The Riveter magazine and The Riveting Interviews (audio and video podcasts) which focus on European literature in translation. More at: [www.eurolitnetwork.com](http://www.eurolitnetwork.com) | <https://www.facebook.com/EuroLitNetwork>

**ROMANIA ROCKS:** This unique literary festival takes its name from Romania's world-famous living, moving, growing rocks, the stunning geographical phenomenon known as "Trovants". Hence the distinctive "rocks logo". Romania's rocks are also a superb metaphor for its vibrant and original literature and for a festival that aims to address some of the "cornerstone issues" of the day with Romanian and British authors.