

PRESS RELEASE

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Novelist Kate Mosse to appear at special Derby Book Festival event

Best-selling international novelist and co-founder of the Women's Prize, Kate Mosse, will be holding a special Derby Book Festival event at QUAD, Market Place, Derby DE1 3AS on Friday 14 July from 7 – 8pm. The event, which will be sponsored by Smith Partnership, is being held outside the main festival dates and is part of the launch campaign for her latest novel, *The Ghost Ship*.

Kate Mosse is probably best known for her multi-million selling Languedoc Trilogy - *Labyrinth*, *Sepulchre* and *Citadel* - and for her Gothic Fiction, including *The Winter Ghosts* and *The Taxidermist's Daughter*. She is also the co-founder of the Women's Prize, which she set up 30 years ago and still runs.

The Ghost Ship is the third novel in The Joubert Family Chronicles, bringing piracy, romance and revenge across the seas of the seventeenth century. A sweeping and epic love story taking us from France in 1610 to Amsterdam and the Canary Islands in the 1620s, *The Ghost Ship* is a thrilling novel of adventure and buccaneering, love and revenge, stolen fortunes and hidden secrets on the High Seas. Most of all, it is a tale of defiant women in a man's world.

Derby Book Festival holds its main events programme in May with an Autumn Edition from 17 – 19 November. The Festival, which is funded by the University of Derby and Arts Council England, with support from several local businesses and individuals, is keen to develop more special events. This year's Festival, which was held from 19 – 27 May included 50 events and welcomed over 3000 people across the 9 days as well as around 10,000 Derby school children who participated in live and virtual events.

Liz Fothergill, Chair of Derby Book Festival said: "It's wonderful to welcome such a fabulous author to Derby – not only an international best-seller but also a hugely inspirational female in the world of books who set up the world-renowned Women's Prize. We are keen to

continue to raise the profile of Derby Book Festival and such events are vital in establishing Derby as having a reputation as a place of arts and cultural excellence.”

The Festival is working in collaboration with local independent bookshop, Dormouse Books in Belper, whose owner, Stephanie Limb will be interviewing Kate Mosse at the Festival.

Kate has recently appeared on a moving and inspiring episode of BBC Radio 4’s iconic programme, *Desert Island Discs*, as Lauren Laverne’s castaway.

To buy tickets for Kate Mosse’s event, visit Derby Book Festival’s website:

<https://www.derbybookfestival.co.uk/events/kate-mosse-the-ghost-ship>

or visit QUAD’s box office (in person or telephone). Tickets cost £12 each.

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Notes to Editors

Kate Mosse is available for interviews with local media in the run up to the event. Please contact Sian Hoyle: sian@derbybookfestival.co.uk