



PesText

TEXT-WORLD-LITERATURE

International Literary and Cultural Festival

8–9 MAY, 2026

Locations:

PETŐFI LITERARY MUSEUM

1053 Budapest, 16 Károlyi Street

HÁROM HOLLÓ (DREI RABEN)

1052 Budapest, 1 Piarista Alley

GELLÉRT HILL

All the events at PesText Festival are free of charge.

The festival is organised by the Hungarian Literature Copyright Protection Association and Rights Management (MISZJE) and the Petőfi Cultural Agency.

Friday 8 May, 2026

HÁROM HOLLÓ (DREI RABEN)

4pm-5.30pm Flash in Translation
– Improvisational Theatre

Drama instructor students from the University of Theatre and Film Arts will put an improvisation on stage, based on the short fiction pieces created at the international workshop. Live, on the spot!

Workshop participants: Ezekiel Rockson (AT), Reka Pihes (AT), Barbara Sadurska (PL), Nicol Hochholczerová (SK), Barbora Šťastná (CZ), Béla Soltész (HU), Anita Moskát (HU)

Contributors: Natália Gleason-Nagy, Paul Knowles, Ines Maria Gstrein, Róbert Smid

6pm 'Urban Forests' – V4 Poetry Night

Poem, text, reading: Katarína Kucbelová (SK), Kateřina Rudčenková (CZ), Bianka Rolando (PL), Katalin Ladik (HU), Florencia Horváth (HU)

Music: Andrea György - vocals, violin, looper

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MAKRÓ VJ – Anikó Skribek, Dávid Kara

Host, moderator: Henrietta Szalay

7pm Panel discussion with Wojciech
Tochman | Moderator: Gábor Danyi,
literary translator

Wojciech Tochman is an outstanding representative of Polish non-fiction.

In his latest book, *Mintha követ ennél* (*Jakbyś kamień jadła*), the writer is exposing his readers to the survivors' perspective in the aftermath of the Yugoslav War and the consequences of the genocide in Bosnia.

8PM WOJCIECH TOCHMAN – BOOK SIGNING

The author's books are available for purchase at the event.

8pm Panel discussion with Arne Dahl
Moderator: Éva Cserháti, writer

Dahl is an iconic author of Scandinavian crime. Several of his books have been translated into Hungarian, the latest being *Jégzajlás* (*Islossning*) from the Berger-Blom series. A new, exciting chapter of his oeuvre.

9.30PM ARNE DAHL – BOOK SIGNING

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Saturday 9 May, 2026

GELLÉRT HILL

11am A poetic walk on Gellért Hill
– the poem, the human body
and the landscape

Meeting place: Gellért Square, Spring House
(in front of Gellert Spa)

Duration: 60–70 mins

Texts of local and foreign poets are accompanying us on this guided walk that puts the emphasis on sensation and perception.

Between urban views and natural landscapes, poetry helps us reconnect with ourselves, each other and the world around us.

Readers and poets: Katarína Kucbelová (SK),
Kateřina Rudčenková (CZ), Florencia Horváth (HU)

Our guides: Ildikó Hepp, Veronika Sifter

PETŐFI LITERARY MUSEUM,
MAIN HALL

4pm Panel discussion with Matteo Strukul
Moderator: Éva Bánki, writer

Strukul is one of the most successful contemporary Italian writers. His best-known work, the saga of the Medici Dynasty for which he won the Bancarella Italian Literary Prize, has made the genre of historical fiction more popular worldwide.

5PM MATTEO STRUKUL – BOOK SIGNING

The author's books are available for purchase at the event.

5pm Panel discussion with Vetle Lid Larssen | Moderator: Róbert Hász, writer

The latest novel of Norwegian writer Vetle Lid Larssen, *A csillagtudósok (De Stjernekyndige)*, tells the story of a stunning historic expedition in the end of the 18th century. The centre of the plot is the observation of the transit of Venus across the Sun, and one of the main characters is Miksa Hell, an astronomer from Selmecebánya.

6PM VETLE LID LARSENEN – BOOK SIGNING

The author's books are available for purchase at the event.

6pm Panel discussion with Erlend Loe Moderator: Eszter Száraz, director

Loe's cult novel, *Doppler*, provides one of the most exciting literary representations of the modern human. This explains why The Guardian chose it for Best Book of the Year. Spring 2026 has brought two of his new novels to us: *Amit a világról tudni kell (Giaever og Iversen)* and *Vesszőfutás (Forhandle med virkeligheten)* – the latter one being available for the first time at PesText Festival.

7PM ERLEND LOE – BOOK SIGNING

The author's books are available for purchase at the event.

7pm Panel discussion with Agata Dudek Moderator: László Nagy, MOME Dean

Dudek is a Polish graphic designer and she studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw. She creates book and news illustrations as well as poster and image designs. The Hungarian audience can enjoy her work in *Archistoria*, in *Sziasztok, farkasok!* and in *Apa üvege*.

8pm 'Hello colors! Hello shapes!' - Exhibition Opening

The exhibition displays the works of Polish Acapulco Studio's Agata Dudek and Małgorzata Nowak-Żurek. The illustrations create a characteristic and playful, yet very conscious universe.

8.30PM AGATA DUDEK – BOOK SIGNING

The author's books are available for purchase at the event.

EXCLUSIVE PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

6-7 May, 2026

Flash in Translation – international short fiction workshop and improvisational theater

How do we create a story across different cultures and languages?

How can we translate 'a way of thinking'?

During this international short fiction workshop Hungarian, Austrian, British, Czech, Polish and Slovakian authors work together, brainstorm and experiment in the genre of flash fiction.

Participants: Ezekiel Rockson (AT), Reka Pihes (AT), Barbara Sadurska (PL), Nicol Hochholczerová (SK), Barbora Šťastná (CZ), Béla Soltész (HU), Anita Moskát (HU).

The workshop is organised by the European Network for Short Fiction Research in cooperation with PesText International Literary and Cultural Festival.

7-9 May, 2026

Colors, shapes, compositions – Illustrators' workshop with Agata Dudek

Participants will be introduced to Agata Dudek's unique perspectives from close-up. They can observe Agata's creative process, and may work together with this outstanding, internationally acknowledged figure of contemporary Polish graphic design. The purpose is to explore the scope of visual storytelling. Since this is an advanced level workshop, we expected applicants with suitable professional experience (illustrators, artists, university students etc.).

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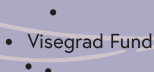
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