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Okri to deliver Gibraltar lecture at FT Weekend Oxford Literary Festival

Renowned African poet and storyteller Ben Okri will be delivering the newly created 'Gibraltar Lecture' at the FT Weekend Oxford Literary Festival 2014 on Saturday March 29th.

The event, one of a packed programme of talks, interviews, seminars and conferences during the nine day festival (22nd March-30th March), will be introduced by Minister for Tourism, Commercial Affairs, Public Transport and the Port Neil Costa MP.

Ben Okri's lecture is entitled 'The Gibraltar Lecture: Writing and the Adventures of the Mind'.

The Gibraltar Lecture will be delivered every year at the festival and will take the form of an address, an 'in conversation' or a debate.

The lecture will be devoted to matters of major cultural, historical or international importance, at the invitation of the Gibraltar Government.

The Minister said: "I am delighted to have been invited to introduce the Gibraltar Lecture by Ben Okri at this year's prestigious FT Weekend Oxford Literary Festival. Ben was of course one of the participants at the Gibunco Gibraltar International Literary Festival which held its inaugural edition last year. It is a great privilege for me and an honour, to be able to present the talk by one of the giants of contemporary English literature."

Mr Costa added that Gibraltar's presence at the FT Weekend Oxford Literary Festival will serve as an early promotional opportunity for the second Gibunco Gibraltar International Literary Festival which will be held in November.

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