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New names released for 2016 edition of Gibunco International Gibraltar Literary Festival

New names have been released for the forthcoming edition of the 2016 Gibunco Gibraltar International Literary Festival.

They are authors Giselle Green, Paula Byrne, John Bentley, Horatio Clare, historian Bettany Hughes and artist Barbara Rae.

Giselle Green was born in Chiswick UK in 1960, but lived in Gibraltar since the age of seven, when her family relocated to the Rock. An award-winning, contemporary women's fiction author, she enjoys creating emotionally-gripping storylines about family and relationships.

Her latest novel 'Dear Dad' has been described as a heart-warming love story that develops when a determined 9-year-old desperately tries to find his father.

Paula Byrne's most recent book is a biography of Kathleen Kennedy, sister of US President John F. Kennedy. Before this, Paula wrote the tie-in book to the period drama film, 'Belle'.

She has also published an innovative biography called 'The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things.' Paula's first top ten bestseller was 'Perdita: The Life of Mary Robinson', the story of the 18th century actress, poet, and royal mistress (1757-1800).

John Bentley's debut novel 'The Royal Secret' is a mystery thriller centred round a modern day woman's search for a famous and extraordinary Elizabethan, a quest which unravels not just his secret life and love, but also the influence of Freemasonry and the Templars in modern day political events.

Horatio Clare has written two memoirs, the bestselling 'Running for the Hills' based on his childhood experiences, and 'Truant: Notes from the Slippery Slope', a novella, 'The Prince's Pen,' and two works of travel and nature writing.

In 2015 he published 'Orison for A Curlew', a combination of travel and nature writing, and an acclaimed children's book, 'Aubrey and the Terrible Yoot.'

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Bettany Hughes is an award-winning English historian, author and broadcaster. A Scholar at Oxford University she has taught at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Her first book 'Helen of Troy: Goddess, Princess, Whore' has been translated into ten languages.

Her second, 'The Hemlock Cup, Socrates, Athens and the Search for the Good Life' will form the basis of her presentation at the festival.

Barbara Rae, 72 is a British painter, member of the Royal Scottish Academy and the Royal Academy of Arts. She studied painting at the Edinburgh College of Art. Rae has exhibited regularly in the British Isles and the US and received many awards for her work.

Her work is held by numerous institutions, including Universities, the British Museum, and the Whitworth Art Gallery.

Repeating the success of 2015, there will also be a special edition of Nicholas Parson's famous 'Just A Minute' television programme with a celebrity panel consisting of Felix Francis, Maureen Lipman, Tony Hawks and Pam Ayres.

Minister Sacramento said: "We are extremely excited at having attracted such a varied and strong field of UK authors for the 2016 literary festival. We are in the process of finalising all the organisational details of the festival over the next few weeks, and everything is progressing according to plan. I am confident that this year the festival will be even bigger and better than in previous editions."