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Leading figures in Basque literature take part at Eñe Festival this Saturday

- The 'Window on Basque literature', curated by Katixa Agirre with support from the Etxepare Basque Institute, explores conversations on censorship, historical memory and the connection between music and words.
- Eider Rodriguez, Harkaitz Cano, Borja Cobeaga, Olatz Salvador, Eneko Sagardoy, Isabel Cadenas Cañón, Nerea Ibarzabal and Izaskun Gracia Quintana will be at the event.
- The 'Window on Basque Literature' includes three different activities on 16 November at the Círculo de Bellas Artes in Madrid.

Every autumn, the Eñe literary festival gathers prominent figures from Spanish-language literature in Madrid, transforming the city into a hub for writers, books, and readers. This year's edition kicked off on 9 November and will run until 26 November with more than 145 authors from 15 different countries in an extensive programme that includes over 90 events. Once again, with support from the Etxepare Basque Institute, the festival will spotlight Basque literature, giving voice to outstanding figures in our literary scene.

On this occasion, author Katixa Agirre will curate the 'Window on Basque Literature' (Ventana a la literatura vasca), which consists of three events to be held **this Saturday, 16 November, at Círculo de Bellas Artes in Madrid.**

The session on Basque literature will begin at 6:30pm with **writer Harkaitz Cano and filmmaker Borja Cobeaga** talking about culture, censorship and self-censorship. The two will examine how they navigate these subtle barriers, reflecting on a career rich



with works that address complex and sensitive issues, ranging from the Basque conflict to political corruption.

At 7:15pm **Eider Rodriguez, Isabel Cadenas Cañón and Nerea Ibarzabal** will delve into the topic of historical memory, focusing on family history and microhistory. Family histories not only connect us to our ancestors but also to society as a whole. What remains unspoken at home is often what remains unspoken in the public sphere. The three authors have drawn on family memories to craft their works of fiction and non-fiction, ranging from novels to podcasts. This effort embodies research, reconciliation, and empathy, yielding remarkable results.

Lastly, at 8:00pm, **singer and composer Olatz Salvador, actor Eneko Sagardoy and writer Izaskun Gracia Quintana** will reflect on their commitment to artistic creation, the use of Euskara in their work, the safeguarding of intimacy and the delicate boundary between the personal and the political. Olatz Salvador will present songs from her new album 'Zainak eman'.

Previous editions of the Eñe Festival have featured voices such as Bernardo Atxaga, Kirmen Uribe, Katixa Agirre, Karmele Jaio, Uxue Apaolaza, Mikel Urdangarin, Rafa Ruda, Angel Erro, Danele Sarriugarte, Jon Maia, Miren Amuriza, Fermin Etxegoien and Juan Ramon Madariaga, among others.

Etxepare Basque Institute

The Etxepare Basque Institute is a public agency dedicated to promoting Basque language, culture, and creative talent internationally, as well as building lasting relationships with other countries and cultures. To this end, the Institute fosters quality artistic activities and supports the mobility of artists and cultural industry professionals, in addition to teaching Basque language and culture. The agency also encourages collaboration with international stakeholders in the pursuit of cultural and academic endeavours.



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