

CHICAGO HUMANITIES FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES SUMMER PROGRAMS

FEATURING GABOUREY SIDIBE, ROXANE GAY, ARUNDHATI ROY AND LAURA KIPNIS

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The Chicago Humanities Festival is pleased to announce its slate of late spring and summer CHFNow programming featuring **Gabourey Sidibe, Roxane Gay, Laura Kipnis, and Arundhati Roy**.

Beginning just two weeks after Springfest/17: Stuff wraps up, CHFNow's spring and summer programming series will kick off as Sibidie, the star of *Precious* and *Empire*, comes to CHF to discuss her memoir, *This Is Just My Face: Try Not to Stare*. She'll be joined in conversation by journalist and essayist **Britt Julious**.

On Wednesday, May 24, Kipnis, a professor at Northwestern University, will address what she's calling "the new sexual McCarthyism" on college campuses. Stemming from her experience as the subject of a Title IX investigation (over a controversial essay), Kipnis will discuss her exploration of how efforts to over-regulate sex harm students, as well as our democracy. Kipnis' program is presented in partnership with WBEZ 91.5 FM Chicago.

On Monday, June 19, **Roxane Gay** returns to Chicago to discuss her gripping new memoir, *Hunger*. Gay, the author of the best-selling *Bad Feminist*, considers her own life as a gateway for exploring pleasure, consumption, appearance, and health.

Closing out CHF Now Summer's schedule on Friday, June 23 will be **Arundhati Roy**. Roy, the acclaimed author of Man Booker Prize winning-novel *The God of Small Things*, comes to CHF with her second work of fiction (her first in two decades), *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*.

Tickets for CHFNow's Summer schedule 2017 schedule go on sale to CHF members on Tuesday, April 4 and to the general public on Thursday, April 6. Tickets can be purchased by calling the CHF Box Office at tickets.chicagohumanities.org.

About the Chicago Humanities Festival

At Chicago Humanities Festival, we believe that humanity thrives when people gather, connect and open themselves to ideas that go beyond their individual experience. That's why for more than 28 years, CHF has been curating live events that allow audiences to connect with thinkers—both established and emerging and see the world differently. Under the leadership of Executive Director Phillip Bahar, Thoma Artistic Director Jonathan Elmer, and Associate Artistic Director Alison Cuddy, CHF is one of Chicago's most vibrant civic institutions. Join us and celebrate the social life of ideas. chicagohumanities.org