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Pen International Fest Announces Lineup

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Authors will temporarily give up the writing life for the speaking life when PEN American Center begins its weeklong Voices Festival of International Literature on April 26. Familiar literary stars like [Toni Morrison](#), above left, and [Salman Rushdie](#) (the festival chairman) are part of the lineup, as are musicians like [Patti Smith](#) and [Natalie Merchant](#), who have recently tried their hands at book writing. A few authors are pairing up to interview each other: Ms. Smith and [Jonathan Lethem](#), above right; [Colum McCann](#) and [Roddy Doyle](#); and [Shirley Hazzard](#) and [Richard Ford](#). [Jean-Philippe Toussaint](#), [Philippe Djian](#), [Richard Price](#) and [Barry Gifford](#) to talk about how their books were made into films. Popular events are back, like the Translation Slam, which pits contestants against one another as they translate a single work into a different language, and the PEN Cabaret, with [Ben Okri](#), winner of the [Man Booker Prize](#); [Ariel Dorfman](#); and Ms. Merchant.

This article has been revised to reflect the following correction:

Correction: March 24, 2010

A report in the "Arts, Briefly" column on Friday about the PEN World Voices Festival of International Literature next month misidentified an author in one event. Richard Price will be among the authors talking about how their books were made into films, not Richard Ford. (As the report noted, Mr. Ford is one of the writers who will pair up to interview each other.)

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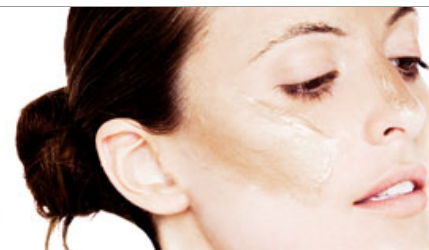
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