

# WATCH THROUGH

## WATCH THROUGH Festival Program 16 – 18 May 2024

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WATCH THROUGH is a festival that brings together writers, peacebuilders and activists, and aims to create a synergy that can stimulate positive change in society and inspire others to act toward a better future. By focusing on education, literature, civic engagement, and environmental protection, it is intended to promote understanding, empathy, activism, and critical thinking, which are essential for peaceful coexistence and sustainable well-being. This is the second edition of the festival. Besides the above-mentioned issues, it is also focused, from the perspective of our region as part of Europe, on the topic of war and other pernicious phenomena that have appeared or have been accentuated in the recent years.

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## Program

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### 16 of May

18:00h

Opening of Watch Through – Skopje  
(National Gallery, Daut Pasha Hammam)

#### Literature in Troubled Times – War, Authoritarianism, Climate Crisis

- Andrej Nikolaidis - novelist, columnist, and political adviser (Montenegro)
- Ben Blushi – writer, journalist, politician (Albania)
- Nihad Kresevljakovic – historian, producer, screenwriter, and director of the Sarajevo War Theatre (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Moderators: Annedore Smith, Bujar Luma

### 17 of May

10:30h – 11:45h (Center LOJA, Tetovo)

Panel discussion

#### Education and Culture – Communicating Vessels

- Maja Muhic
- Ylljet Aliçka

Moderator: Annedore Smith

12:00h – 13:15h (Center LOJA, Tetovo)

Panel discussion

#### Brain Draining in the Western Balkans

- Gudrun Steinacker
- Eda Gemi

Moderator: Enver Abdulahi

16:30h – 18:00h (Center LOJA, Tetovo)

Panel discussion

#### Literature and War – Artistic Representation and Civic Activism

- Elizabeta Sheleva
- Salajdin Salihu
- Iskra Geshoska

Moderator: Bashkim Shehu

### 17 of May

19:30h – 22:30h

(Proficio, Odri, Tearce Municipality)

#### Cafe Europa - Castigat ridendo mores (Laughing Corrects Customs)

Poetry reading and performance, discussions on the topic

- Nikola Madzirov
- Krenar Zejno
- Julijana Velickovska
- Andrej Nikolaidis
- Ylljet Aliçka
- Nurie Emrullai
- Perica Sardjoski (TBC)

### 18 of May

10:00h – 17:00h

(Sharr National Park - Leshnice)

Walk to Leshnice

Introduction by Ibrahim Dehari, Director of Sharr National Park

Discussion: **The Human Being: Lord of the Nature, or Mother Nature's Son?**

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