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LitFest line-up at Proms at St Jude's

It's a great line-up of authors this year at the Proms at St Jude's Literary Festival on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June. **David Baddiel** opens events. The author of *Jews Don't Count* and *The God Desire* will be talking about his latest book, *My Family: The Memoir*.

Royal Family expert, **Robert Hardman**, will be in conversation about *Charles III: New King. New Court. The Inside Story* with **Simon Lewis**, former Communications Secretary to the late Queen. The book describes the first year of the Carolean era – the role played by Queen Camilla, relationships with Princes William and Harry, and the King's plans for reforming the monarchy.

Social historian **David Kynaston** will discuss with journalist and BBC 4 presenter, **David Aaronovitch**, *A Northern Wind: Britain 1962-65*, which examines the period from the seismic coming of the Beatles, via a sex scandal that rocked the Tory government to the arrival at No 10 of Harold Wilson.

Journalist **Tobias Buck** will be talking about his new book *Final Verdict: A Holocaust Trial in the Twenty-first Century*, which explores the 2019 trial of an SS guard accused of Holocaust crimes and its wider implications – described as 'A thrilling read' by **Philippe Sands**, author of *East West Street*.

Award-winning journalist and author **Sathnam Sanghera** will be in conversation with **Claire Berliner**, writer, editor and Head of Programmes at The London Library about *Empireworld*, which explores the immense impact the British empire has exerted across the globe and follows his best-selling book *Empireland*.

Cultural historian and English Literature professor, **Clair Wills**, will be discussing *Missing Persons, or My Grandmother's Secrets*, uncovering the story of Ireland's unmarried mothers and unwanted children, told through three generations of an Irish family.

For foodies, there's a fantastic opportunity to see award-winning cook and writer **Fuchsia Dunlop** discussing *Invitation to a Banquet: The Story of Chinese Food*, an unforgettable journey into Chinese food as it is made, cooked, eaten and considered in its homeland. She will be in conversation with **Frances Wood**, former curator of the Chinese collections in the British Library, who has written extensively on Chinese history and culture.

For a dose of fiction, come and hear **Erin Kelly** in a session on crime. Her first novel, *The Poison Tree*, was a Richard and Judy bestseller and a major ITV drama. Her bestseller *He Said/She Said* followed a young couple who witness a rape and, after the trial, begin to wonder if they believed the right person. Her latest book, *The House of Mirrors*, has been described as "a bold, beautiful, sexy, full-throttle thriller".

All sessions take place at The Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11 7BN. Full details at www.promsatstjudes.org.uk.

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