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## Festival of Literature and Freedom of Expression

**The Icelandic authors Sjón, Andri Snær Magnason, and Hallgrímur Helgason will attend this year's Kapittel – the international festival of literature and freedom of expression, taking place in Stavanger. This year, the festival has 'risk' as its main theme. The financial crisis will be paid special attention during the festival, which will approach this theme from different literary angles.**

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The word 'kapittel' closely resembles 'capital'. And this year, the crumbling capital and traces of the financial crisis within the Nordic countries will be debated during the literary festival in Stavanger. The festival, which takes place 16.- 20. September 2009, has received a grant of 100.000 DKK from the Nordic Culture Fund.

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The main focus is Iceland, because of the 'saucepan revolution' and the commitment of the Icelandic authors, but the literary festival also enables meetings between Nordic authors and members of the audience, in order for literary and socio-relevant questions to be addressed in a common forum. Per Pettersson, this year's winner of the Nordic Council literature prize, has announced his participation in the festival, as well as the award-winning Swedish author Per Olov Enquist and the Norwegian author Øyvind Rimbereid.

Kapittel – the annual international festival of literature and freedom of expression in Stavanger - is organized by Sølvberget, the library and cultural centre in Stavanger. The festival, which is the second biggest literary festival in Norway, attracts a large and diverse audience.

The festival organizes literary visits to schools, including kindergartens, primary- and secondary schools, as well as continuation schools, and sets up meetings between relevant groups of immigrants and the international guests.

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