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Join us and dine with the heroes of freedom of expression in 2009

The 2009 Index on Censorship Freedom of Expression Awards

Tuesday 21 April, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London, N1 9AG

6.30pm for champagne reception, 7.15pm awards dinner

Host Jonathan Dimbleby
Keynote Sir David Hare
Judges Emily Bell, Shaheed Fatima, Martin Rynja, Christina Lamb, Mark Kermode

As the new Chair of Index on Censorship, I am honoured on behalf of my fellow trustees to invite you to celebrate our 2009 Freedom of Expression Awards. I do so confident that you will not only be giving your crucial support to a vital cause, but that you will have a great evening as well. As one of our supporters, you will know that these Awards honour those who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of free expression and draw attention to their work and circumstances. In our view, they have never been more necessary.

The evening will bring you stories from around the world that the mainstream media often overlooks. Stories of courage, sometimes of sacrifice, occasionally of humour, that combine to inspire and remind us of the importance of freedom of expression, and why we should defend it more than ever.

Five awards will be presented: the Economist New Media Award, the Guardian Journalism Award, the T R Fyvel Book Award and the Bindmans Law and Campaigning Award.

As I know from my own experience as a guest last year, we manage to combine a deeply serious agenda with a genuinely entertaining evening as well. This year features Sir David Hare, a multimedia presentation of the shortlist, an auction and other surprises. And we are hosting the awards in an exciting new venue – Kings Place. The reception will be held in the gallery space, and you can then join us for dinner in the Battlebridge Room, overlooking Regent's Canal.

Tickets are £100 each or a table for ten at £900. The proceeds will help us continue our work of bringing important issues and very human stories – like those you will hear on the evening – to international attention. To book your seat, all you need to do is fill in the form on the following page and send it to our office. If you cannot attend the event, but can make a donation, that option is also available.

I very much hope to see you at Kings Place on 21 April.

With best wishes

Jonathan Dimbleby

Chair, Index on Censorship

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