

SUPPORT EMERGING WRITERS

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WELCOME!



Dear Reader,

This January I have the privilege to reveal the ten selected Emerging Writers for 2026, chosen by our guest curators, who had the brilliant (and difficult!) job of reading all the entries and finally selecting the finalists.

Congratulations to the ten writers, and thank you to everyone who submitted their work!

Year after year, we are astounded by the calibre of entries this prize attracts. This year, over 650 writers entered. Seeing so many writers being bold, brave, and finding their way into our programme really highlights how important this prize is for emerging writers.

Now, these ten new voices not only deserve recognition, but real and sustained support. With your help, we can create a life-changing opportunity for each writer through our six-month mentorship programme, where they can learn, connect, take part in our 2026 Festival, and have their work published in English for the first time.

Thank you for your support and trust—in potential, in a story's earliest sparks, and ultimately in the universal language of literature.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet DeNeefe".

Janet DeNeefe
Festival Founder and Director

HOW IT WORKS

Each year, we uncover Indonesia's next generation of literary voices. From across the archipelago, hundreds of submissions are rigorously reviewed by an independent curatorial board, with a select group of emerging novelists, poets, and playwrights published and launched at the Ubud Writers & Readers Festival.

The Emerging Writers Anthology is a proven launchpad for Indonesia's most promising new literary voices. As a bilingual publication, it delivers professional English translation—often for the first time—unlocking international visibility and long-term career opportunities. With 1,212 submissions in 2025, it stands among Indonesia's most far-reaching and impactful literary initiatives.

For sponsors, this is a high-impact legacy investment: championing new voices, expanding access, and carrying Indonesian stories onto the global stage.

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This programme is one of the most awaited ones because of its prestige and sustainable impact... I hope this programme will drive these writers' potential and motivation to consistently write.

Dee Lestari, Indonesian Fiction Writer



THE 2026 PROGRAMME

In 2025, we issued a national call to Indonesia's most compelling writing creatives, inviting work that confronts the realities of contemporary Indonesia, from social change and history to the forces reshaping life in the digital age.

The response was extraordinary. More than 650 submissions. 21 provinces. One defining selection.

From across the archipelago, 10 exceptional writers were chosen through a rigorous curatorial process led by A. Nabil Wibisana, Cyntha Hariadi, and Siska Yuanita.



Ajen Angelina
Ruteng



Arianto Adipurwanto
Lombok



Carisyia Nuramadea
Bogor



Dhias Nauvaly
Yogyakarta



Hamran Sunu
Palopo



Jein Oktaviany
Bandung

THE TEN SELECTED EMERGING WRITERS



Galuh Ginanti
Denpasar



IRZI
Jakarta



R. Abdul Azis
Bandung



Nityasa Wijaya
Gianyar

THE IMPACT

Selected writers receive professional mentoring, editorial development, and English translation—often for the first time—before being published and launched at the Ubud Writers & Readers Festival, Southeast Asia's leading festival of words and ideas. For many, this marks the beginning of a sustained literary career.

Every patron contribution strengthens the programme. Higher patron levels directly underwrite writers and secure long-term cultural impact.

Choose Your Level of Impact

SUPPORTING PATRON

IDR 11,000,000 | AUD 1,000 | USD 650
Stand behind the programme.

This level signals belief in the importance of new voices and the future of Indonesian storytelling. It is an entry point into patronage and a public statement of support.

What You Make Possible

- Supports the delivery of the 2026 Emerging Writers programme
- Contributes to mentoring, editorial development, translation, and festival access

How We Thank You

- Public acknowledgement at the Emerging Writers Anthology Book Launch
- Name listed in the Festival Programme Book and Festival website
- Invitation to selected Emerging Writers events during the Festival

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This is a decisive act of patronage. Your gift doesn't just support writers—it changes lives, launches careers, and secures Indonesia's stories on the world stage.

Janet DeNeefe, Festival Founder and Director

WRITER BENEFACTOR

IDR 25,000,000 | AUD 2,200 | USD 1500
One Writer. One Career Launched.

This level delivers direct, human impact. Writer Benefactors underwrite the full participation of one Emerging Writer, creating a defining professional milestone.

What You Make Possible

- Fully supports one selected Emerging Writer
- Enables mentorship, editorial development, English translation, and international exposure
- Establishes a lasting professional credential

How We Thank You

- Invitation to the Festival's Opening Night Gala
- Public acknowledgement at the Anthology Book Launch
- Patron listing in the Festival Programme Book and on the website
- Invitation to an exclusive Emerging Writers & Patrons gathering



LEAD PATRON

IDR 100,000,000 | AUD 8,500 | USD 6,000

Four Writers. National Reach.

Lead Patrons multiply impact, extending opportunity across regions and strengthening the programme's national presence.

What You Make Possible

- Directly supports four Emerging Writers from across the archipelago
- Expands access to opportunity for writers beyond major urban centres
- Strengthens programme sustainability

How We Thank You

- On-stage acknowledgement at the Festival's Opening Night Gala
- Prominent recognition as Lead Patron at the Festival
- Patron listing in the Festival Programme Book and on the website
- Private engagement with writers and curators
- Priority access to key Festival events

FOUNDING PATRON

IDR 250,000,000 | AUD 22,000 | USD 15,000

Ten Writers. A Cultural Legacy.

Founding Patrons secure the programme itself. This level underwrites the entire Emerging Writers cohort and ensures Indonesia's new voices are carried forward, translated, and internationally visible.

What You Make Possible

- Fully underwrites the 2026 Emerging Writers programme
- Safeguards one of Indonesia's most vital literary pathways
- Positions Indonesian literature on the global stage for the long term

How We Thank You

- "Presented by [Patron Name]" credit on the Emerging Writers Anthology
- On-stage recognition at the Festival's Opening Night Gala and Anthology Book Launch
- Invitation to a private dinner with writers, curators, and Festival leadership
- Legacy acknowledgement across Festival platforms throughout 2026



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