GENERAL INFO

TIMINGS

09:30 Gates and registration open
10:15 Festival sessions begin
18:45 Festival sessions end
20:00 Close

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BIG IDEAS	**10:15 - 10:45** **Tim Harford: The unintended consequences of AI** **10:55 - 11:00** **Welcome from Janine Gibson, FT Weekend editor**	**11:00 - 11:45 So what does the FT really think?** Every morning the FT's editor **Roula Khalaf**, and the editorial board, tussle over the FT's view on the big issues of the day from AI to elections, the war in Ukraine to the global economy. Here Roula holds the debate in public with **Martin Wolf**, FT chief economics commentator; **Gillian Tett**, provost, King's College and FT columnist; **Stephen Bush**, FT associate editor and columnist and **Jemima Kelly**, FT columnist	**12:00 - 12:45 Foreign policy keynote discussion** Chaired by **Roula Khalaf**, FT editor	**13:00 - 13:45 The FT Weekend Interview** **John Lithgow**, actor, in conversation with **Janine Gibson**, FT Weekend editor	**14:00 - 14:50 Gut instinct: is our obsession with gut bacteria a passing trend or a passport to health and happiness** **Tim Spector**, professor of epidemiology, King's College London and co-founder of ZOE with **Pilita Clark**, FT associate editor and business columnist	**15:00 - 15:45 Never Knowingly Underbold** **Dame Sharon White** talks about her career from No 10 to running Ofcom and Britain's best-loved business, John Lewis Partnership, with the FT's chief economics commentator **Martin Wolf**	**16:00 - 16:45 Wes Streeting** **Wes Streeting**, secretary of state for health and social care with **Robert Shrimsley**, FT UK chief political commentator and executive editor	**17:00 - 17:45 America and the world** **Anne Applebaum**, author, journalist and historian; **Sebastian Raedler**, Bank of America head of European equity strategy; **Edward Luce**, FT US national editor and columnist and **Gideon Rachman**, FT chief foreign affairs commentator and host of the Rachman Review podcast	**18:00 - 18:45 A Piece of Work - Simon Russell Beale** The great stage actor of his generation in conversation with **Simon Schama**, historian and FT contributing editor
LITERATURE & LIFE		**11:00 - 11:45 A story of war** **Robert Harris**, author of Precipice, a tale of illicit love on the eve of world war one, on the art of historical fiction. In conversation with **Tobias Buck**, FT managing editor	**12:00 - 12:45 The poems that bring us joy** **Lesley Sharp**, actress; **Simon Schama**, historian and FT contributing editor; **Simon Russell Beale**, actor and **Allie Esiri**, writer and poetry curator	**13:00 - 13:30 How to get ahead in your career without burning out** Workplace skills in 30 mins with **Audrey Tang**, author and psychologist and **Isabel Berwick**, author of *The Future Proof Career* and host of FT's Working It podcast Session sponsored by Pearson Business Book Club	**14:00 - 14:45 Yes, Ma'am** **Craig Brown**, author of *A Voyage Around the Queen, a portrait like no other of the late sovereign* in conversation with **Laura Battle**, FT deputy books editor	**15:00 - 15:45 Dark forces** Understanding the new power networks, from the Kremlin to conspiracy theories **Giuliano da Empoli**, author of *Wizard of the Kremlin*; **Catherine Belton**, author of *Putin's People* and **Gabriel Gatehouse**, journalist, broadcaster and author of *The Coming Storm* with **Fred Studemann**, FT literary editor	**16:00 - 16:45 Doing business in a polycrisis world** **Daniel Susskind** author of *Growth*; **Martin Wolf**, FT chief economics commentator with **Gillian Tett**, provost, King's College and FT columnist	**17:00 - 17:45 Daughters of China** The re-emergence of a global superpower as told through the lives of four women. **Yuan Yang**, MP and author, with **Soumaya Keynes**, FT economics columnist	**18:00 - 18:45 Nation in a State: the perils - and joys - of writing the story of 'broken Britain'** **Jonathan Coe**, author of *Middle England and The Rotters' Club*; **Sam Byers**, author of *Perfidious Albion*; **Amanda Craig**, author of *The Lie of the Land* with **Fred Studemann**, FT literary editor
ARTS		**11:00 - 11:45 Crafting connections: Where art meets architecture** **Jayden Ali**, architect, artist & filmmaker with **Péjú Oshin**, curator, writer and lecturer	**12:00 - 12:45 Portrait of a black woman: A shifting gaze across centuries** **Enuma Okoro**, FT life & arts columnist	**13:00 - 13:45 Future of culture** **Maria Balshaw**, Tate director and author of *Gathering of Strangers: Why Museums Matter*; **Nicholas Cullinan**, British Museum director; **Neil Mendoza**, provost of Oriel College, Oxford and member of the House of Lords and chairman of Historic England; **Alistair Spalding**, artistic director and chief executive, Sadler's Wells with **Jan Dalley**, FT arts editor	**14:00 - 14:45 Van Gogh and the religion of paint** **Simon Schama**, historian and FT contributing editor	**15:00 - 15:45 Staying Alive: 50 years of disco** **David Cheal**, FT arts sub-editor; **Fiona Sturges**, journalist; **Arwa Haider**, journalist and **Ludo Hunter-Tilney**, FT arts writer and pop critic	**16:00 - 16:45 The actor and the critic** Legendary actor **Sir Ian McKellen**, star of new film The Critic, and the film's scriptwriter **Patrick Marber** discuss the colourful relationship between performers and critics with the FT's **Danny Leigh**	**17:00 - 17:45 The City on screen: a conversation with the writers of Industry** How the creators of the hit HBO/ BBC show, **Mickey Down** and **Konrad Kay**, made high finance into high drama with **Henry Mance**, FT chief features writer	**18:00 - 18:45 Are video games the cinema of the 21st century?** **Meghna Jayanth**, video game writer; **Naomi Alderman**, author and **Chris Allnutt**, HTSI sub-editor and FT games critic
TRAVEL	**10:45 - 10:55 The well-advised traveller in an AI world** **Matthew Upchurch**, Virtuoso CEO	**11:00 - 11:45 Leo Houlding: Why family holidays need a little danger** The world-class climber on how to create adventures that won't be forgotten	**12:00 - 12:45 William Dalrymple: How ancient India transformed the world**	**13:00 - 13:45 Mishal Husain: In the footsteps of my grandparents in Pakistan's mountainous far north** In conversation with **Anjli Raval**, FT management editor	**14:00 - 14:45 Michael Palin: My life on the road** In conversation with **Tom Robbins**, FT travel editor	**15:00 - 15:45 Unlocking the secrets of Paris** FT columnist **Simon Kuper** on his 20-year initiation in the City of Light. In conversation with FT Globetrotter editor, **Rebecca Rose**	**16:00 - 16:45 Across Canada, on the world's longest trail** **Dianne Whelan** on her six-year quest to become the first person to complete the 24,000km Trans Canada Trail. In conversation with **Tom Robbins**, FT travel editor		
FT MONEY		**11:00 - 11:45 Stuart Kirk: How to double your money - in 8 years** In conversation with **Claer Barrett**, FT consumer editor	**12:00 - 12:45 Questions and business pitches at the ready?** Hear entrepreneur, investor and star of Dragon's Den **Deborah Meaden** in conversation with **Patrick Jenkins**, FT deputy editor	**13:00 - 13:45 What hope for first-time buyers?** **Richard Donnell**, executive director; Zoopla; **Henry Pryor**, property buying agent; **Lindsay Judge**, research director, Resolution Foundation and **Nathan Brooker**, FT Money editor	**14:00 - 14:45 Investing in whisky and enjoying multisensory experiences** **Sam Brooks**, Founding Director, Vintage Acquisitions	**15:00 - 15:45 Should the government force you to buy UK stocks?** **Simon Edelsten**, retired fund manager; **Alan Livsey**, FT asset management reporter; **Toby Nangle**, FT contributing editor and **Katie Martin**, FT markets columnist	**16:00 - 16:45 How to Labour-proof your finances** **Jim Pickard**, FT deputy political editor; **Nimesh Shah**, CEO, Blick Rothenberg; **Katherine Waller**, co-founder, Six Degrees and **Claer Barrett**, FT consumer editor	**17:00 - 17:45 How to retire early** **Malvee Vaja**, chartered financial planner at Rathbones; **James Baxter**, founder and executive chair and Tideway Wealth; **Andrew Oxlade**, director, Fidelity International with **Moira O'Neill**, FT Money columnist	
TECH			**12:00 - 12:45 How do you make money from tech?** **Bill Janeway**, venture capitalist and economist; **Reshma Sohoni**, managing partner, Seedcamp and **John Thornhill**, FT innovation editor **12:45 - 13:00 AI - do we know what's coming?** **Greg Jackson**, CEO, Octopus Energy	**13:00 - 13:45 The invisible human workforce that powers AI systems** **Iva Gumnishka**, CEO of Humans In the Loop; **Alexandru Iftimie**, former Uber driver and **Madhu Murgia**, FT artificial intelligence editor	**14:00 - 14:45 Is social media helping or hurting our young?** **Sonia Livingstone**, professor at London School of Economics and Political Science; **Amy Orben**, psychologist at University of Cambridge and **Murad Ahmed**, FT technology news editor	**15:00 - 15:45 Can AI solve loneliness?** The inside scoop from Tinder's former CEO **Renate Nyborg**, founder of Meeno and **Madhu Murgia**, FT artificial intelligence editor	**16:00 - 16:45 Aiden Gomez** **Aiden Gomez**, co-founder and CEO, Cohere in conversation with **Madhu Murgia**, FT artificial intelligence editor		
HOUSE & HOME		**11:00 - 11:45 Live cryptic crossword solve-along** Join us as we collectively solve a puzzle specially set for the festival and discuss how crosswords keep up with the times. All abilities welcome. **James Brydon**, FT crossword setter (Buccaneer); **Roger Blitz**, FT crossword editor and **Francesca Jakobi**, FT lead visual journalist - moderated by **Josh Spero**, FT associate arts editor	**12:00 - 12:45 The joy of clutter: A celebration of colour, curios and maximalist creativity** **Alidad**, designer and **Lucinda Chambers**, fashion designer, stylist and co-founder of Collagerie with **Lucy Watson**, FT House & Home commissioning editor	**13:00 - 13:30 Keeping up with the climate: Plants in a changing era** **Robin Lane Fox**, FT Weekend gardening columnist	**14:00 - 14:45 Move or improve** **Rita Konig**, interior designer and design journalist; **Andrew Perratt**, Savills head of UK residential; **Clem Hobson**, managing director of the Modern House and Inigo with **Beatrice Hodgkin**, FT House & Home editor	**15:00 - 15:45 Garden SOS (Save our Soil)** How to nurture the earth, yourself and the planet. Floral designer **Shane Connolly** in conversation with **The Land Gardeners**	**16:00 - 16:45 Sell your home on social media** **Daniel Daggers**, DDRE Global founder and CEO; **Becky Fatemi**, prime property agent; **Edward de Mallet Morgan**, prime property agent and **Mark Ellwood**, editor and TV host	**17:00 - 17:45 How to make, irrigate and protect a brilliant small garden** **Alistair Griffiths**, RHS director of science; **Tom Massey**, landscape designer; **Cleve West**, landscape designer and **Jane Owen**, FT contributing editor	
HTSI			**12:00 - 12:45 How to sketch it** A 45 minute group workshop with artist **Nancy Cadogan** where you will learn to draw a still life. Don't worry about bringing anything, Art materials will be provided by Caran d'Ache. Introduced by **Louis Wise**, HTSI deputy editor	**13:00 - 13:45 A complete guide to English country style** *Wives Like Us* author **Plum Sykes**; and interiors expert **Flora Soames** talk about the cult of the Cotswolds, classic design and contemporary chintz. Moderated by **Jo Ellison**, FT Weekend deputy editor and HTSI editor	**14:00 - 14:45 How to wag it** A pet therapy session with philosopher and *The Happiness of Dogs* author **Mark Rowlands** and veterinary specialist and author of *The Interpretation of Cats and their Owners*, **Claude Béata**. Bring your pets and their problems. Moderated by FTWeekend senior editor, **Horatia Harrod**	**15:00 - 15:45 How to glow from top to toe** A panel discussion about how to look and feel your best, from sleep trackers to supplements, with three industry experts: **Sarah Chapman**, skincare and beauty mogul; **Rose Ferguson**, model, nutritionist and functional medicine practitioner; **Antonio Di Mauro**, scientist and lecturer, Chenot Group with **Beatrice Hodgkin**, FT House & Home editor	**16:00 - 16:45 Life beyond the lens** Fashion Icons in conversation. Celebrated models **Penelope Tree** and **Jean Campbell** talk about their lives at the forefront of style	**17:00 - 17:45 How to mix it - The cult of the Martini** A talk and tasting with **Alice Lascelles**, FT drinks columnist & author of *The Martini: The Ultimate Guide to a Liquid Icon* and **Ago Perrone**, director of mixology, The Connaught	**18:00 - 18:45 How to soothe it - a guided meditation** End the day with "the nervous system whisper", Somatic Movement coach **Nahid de Belgeonne** with a calming session that will rewire your brain and improve your emotional health
FOOD & DRINK		**11:00 - 11:45 How can we justify eating steak?** **Huw Gott**, co-founder, Hawksmoor; **Jessica Wragg**, butcher and author; **Julian Baggini**, author and philosopher with **Tim Hayward**, food writer and author		**13:00 - 13:45 A wine tasting with Jancis Robinson** A tour of Canadian wines with the FT's wine columnist and Master of Wine	**14:00 - 14:30 How to break every rule of fine dining (and get away with it)** **Asma Khan**, founder of Darjeeling Express, with Lilah Raptopoulos, host of FT Life and Art Podcast	**15:00 - 15:45 What to drink when you're not drinking: A non-alcoholic spirits-tasting** **Marcus Brigstocke**, comedian and **Alice Lascelles**, FT drinks columnist	**16:00 - 16:45 A field to fork revolution... in 45 minutes** **How to fix farming - Andy Cato**, Groove Armada musician turned regen farmer and **How to eat more (and better) veg - Anna Jones**, chef - with **Henry Mance**, FT chief features writer	**17:00 - 17:45 What's the best path to 'make it' as a chef?** Culinary school, TV talent shows and TikTok stardom battle it out. Michelin-trained chef and social media personality **Poppy O'Toole**; FT recipe writer **Ravinder Bhogal**; senior lecturer at Le Cordon Bleu **Nitin Radhakrishnan**, with **Harriet Fitch Little**, FT magazine food and drink editor	
FT FUTURE			**12:00 - 12:45 Where are the young in politics?** **Fetuma Hassan**, young mayor of Tower Hamlets; **Daniel Chandler**, economist, philosopher and author; **Jason Okundaye**, writer and author; **Sebastian Payne**, Onward director and author and **Stephen Bush**, FT associate editor and columnist	**13:00 - 13:45 Are young men and women drifting apart?** **John Burn Murdoch** and **Juliet Riddell**, FT head of new formats, explore the growing political and social gulfs between men and women through the data and look for answers - with audience participation	**14:00 - 14:45 FT Edit Live: Curate the perfect eight** Leading FT reporters **Jemima Kelly**, **Joshua Oliver**, **Madhu Murgia** and **Jennifer Williams** join **Hannah Rock**, editor of FT Edit, to discuss their most intriguing, surprising and exhilarating stories of the year for a fantasy edition of the award-winning news app	**15:00 - 15:45 Work therapy: Your intergenerational money and career dilemmas, sorted by the experts** **Claer Barrett**, host of the Money Clinic podcast, and **Isabel Berwick**, host of Working It. Come with your troubles, leave with a solution in this friendly and interactive session	**16:00 - 16:45 Whodunnit? The rise of the armchair sleuth** FT feature writer **Emma Jacobs** in conversation with **Bella Mackie** about her new novel *What A Way To Go* and the wildly popular genre of true crime and **Dave Grimstead**, Locate International CIO	**17:00 - 17:45 FT News Briefing 'pub' quiz** join in with **Sonja Hutson**, FT News Briefing podcast producer for a lively and - refreshing - closing session on the FT Future stage with **Josh Gabert-Doyen**, FT podcast producer and journalist; **Katie Martin**, FT markets columnist and **Lilah Raptopolous**, host of FT Life and Art Podcast	
BOOK SIGNINGS		**10:15 Robert Harris** **10:45 Tim Harford**	**Leo Houlding** **Jancis Robinson** **Claer Barrett** **Robert Harris** **Julian Baggini** **Tim Hayward**	**Deborah Meaden** **William Dalrymple** **Simon Russell Beale** **Daniel Chandler** **Jason Okundaye** **Simon Schama**	**Plum Sykes** **Flora Soames** **Mishal Husain** **Maria Balshaw** **Isabel Berwick** **Audrey Tang**	**Tim Spector** **Craig Brown** **Claude Béata** **Mark Rowlands** **Michael Palin** **Penelope Tree**	**Gabriel Gatehouse** **Simon Kuper**	**Anna Jones** **Naomi Alderman** **Bella Mackie** **Martin Wolf** **Jonathan Coe** **Amanda Craig** **Daniel Susskind**	**Anne Applebaum** **Alice Lascelles** **Yuan Yang** **Madhumita Murgia** **Poppy O'Toole** **18:45 Nahid de Belgeonne**