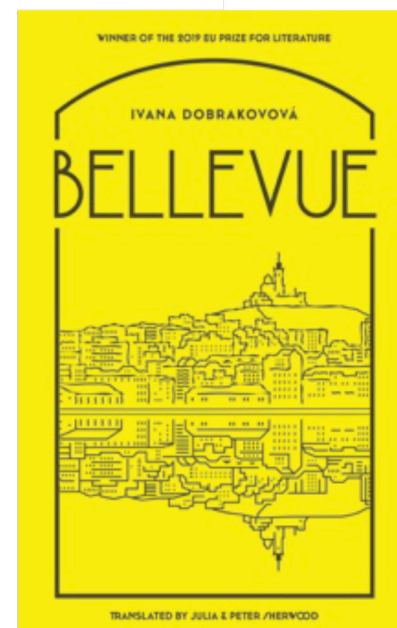
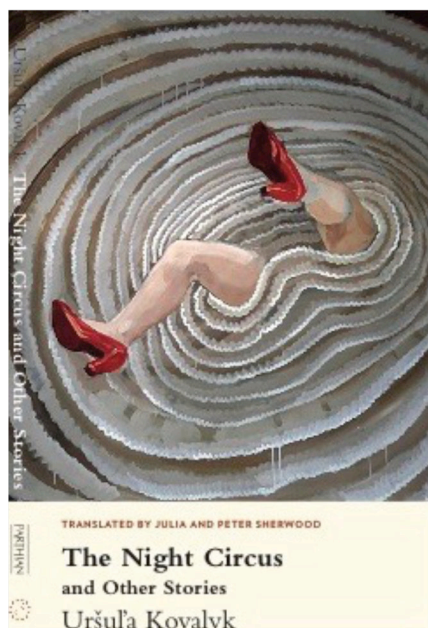


# SLOVAK WRITERS' TOUR 22 – 25 OCTOBER 2019

## MANCHESTER, OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE, LONDON

*The Night Circus and other stories* by Uršula Kovalyk,  
*Bellevue* by Ivana Dobráková, *Big Love* by Balla  
Translated by Julia and Peter Sherwood



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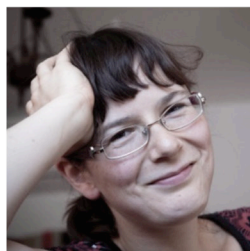
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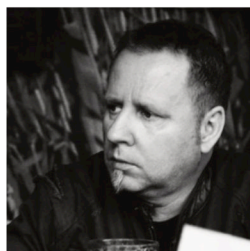




**Uršula Kovalyk** is a feminist writer, social worker and theatre maker and a leading representative of contemporary feminist literary discourse in Slovakia. *The Night Circus and other stories* published by Parthian Books (April 2019) blends the naturalistic and the fabulistic in elusive, delicate stories that fold fable and fairy tale into the everyday, domestic settings of kitchen, garden.



**Ivana Dobrakovová** is a writer and translator (Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan saga), winner of the 2019 European Union Prize for Literature. *Bellevue* is a novel about our inability to escape 'our own private cages', being imprisoned by fear, anxiety and mistrust, no less than indifference to others. Jantar Publishing, October 2019.



**Balla** is an award-winning writer of short stories and novellas, "the chief alchemist of Slovak literature". *Big Love*, a critique of contemporary society in which the triumph of liberal democracy has increased rather than diminished the Kafkaesque aspects of life, is his second book to be published in English. Jantar Publishing, October 2019



#### Writers' Tour: Balla, Ivana Dobrakovová, Uršula Kovalyk

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#### Raising the Velvet Curtain: Slovak Literature after 1989

5 NOV, 9:30 – 17:30 Conference at UCL SSEES, London

#### Dash Café: Europe and the Velvet Revolution 30 Years On

27 NOV, 19:30 – **Rich Mix, London** (co-organised with the Czech Centre) **Featuring: Monika MacDonagh-Pajerová** (CZ), 1989 student activist, diplomat and writer, **Zuzana Kepplová** (SK), writer and columnist, **Tereza Nvotová** (SK), actor and film director, **Ondřej Štindl** (CZ), journalist, novelist, screen writer and DJ

#### Shows at Rich Mix, London (co-organised with the Czech Centre)

4 NOV – **Sláva Daubnerová**, *Solo Lamentoso*  
21 NOV – **Theatre on the Balustrade**, *Velvet Havel*  
28 NOV – **Soňa Ferienčíková**, *Everywhen*



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