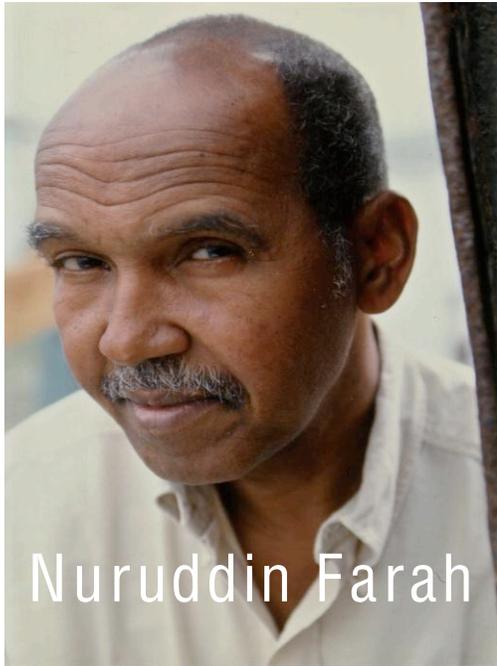


The President and Provost's

2012-13

Diversity Lecture & Cultural Arts Series



“Remembering Somalia: A Writer Speaks”

Thursday, September 13
4:30 p.m.

Saxbe Auditorium
Drinko Hall
55 West 12th Avenue

(Reception & book signing immediately following lecture)

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President E. Gordon Gee and Provost Joseph Alutto invite you to attend the thirteenth annual Diversity Lecture & Cultural Arts Series at The Ohio State University. This program offers the campus and the Columbus community opportunities to benefit from some of the most eminent scholars, artists, and professionals who discuss and exemplify excellence through diversity.

Nuruddin Farah is the first African to win the Neustadt International Prize for Literature (in 1998). He has been described by some of the world's foremost writers not just as “one of the finest contemporary African novelists” (Salman Rushdie) but “one of the world's great writers” (Ishmael Reed). Farah is the author of nine novels, including *From a Crooked Rib*, *Links*, and his *Blood in the Sun* trilogy: *Maps*, *Gifts*, and *Secrets*. His novels have been translated into seventeen languages and have won numerous awards. Upon the publication of *Sweet and Sour Milk*, which won the English-speaking Union Literary Award, Farah became persona non grata in Somalia. In exile, he began what has become a lifelong literary project: “To keep my country alive by writing about it.” Born in Baidoa, Somalia, Farah now lives in Cape Town, South Africa. In recent years he has made frequent visits to Mogadishu for research purposes and to broker dialogue between the various armed groups vying for power in Somalia.

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