CityLit Festival

10 Years of Celebrating Literary Arts in Baltimore

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT (2ND FLOOR)

11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.  510 AT THE FESTIVAL (FICTION)

Join Jen Michalski and Michael Kimball, hosts of 510 Readings, the popular monthly series with writers: C.L. Bledsoe, Andrew Keating, Nathan Leslie and Rob Roensh.

12:45 P.M.-1:45 P.M.  THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT: WRITING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Children’s authors Elisabeth Dahl (Genie Wishes), Neil Didriksen (Battle Creek), Jonathon Scott Fuqua (Calvert the Raven in the Battle of Baltimore) and Laurel Snyder (Bigger than a Bread Box) discuss their craft with author Monalisa DeGross.

2 P.M.-3 P.M.  NEW MERCURY AT CITYLIT (NONFICTION)

This popular monthly nonfiction reading series presents readings by Karen Houppert and David Sterritt. Hosted by Deborah Rudacille and John Barry.

MEYERHOFF CHILDREN’S GARDEN

2 P.M.-3 P.M.  BRIAN FLOCA

Brian Floca is the illustrator of Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring (by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan). He is the author and illustrator of Moonsbot: The Flight of Apollo 11 Lightship, and The Racecar Alphabet. His books have received three Robert F. Sibert Honor Awards, an Orbis Pictus Award, and a silver medal from the Society of Illustrators.

CityLit Project is in residence in the School of Communications Design at the University of Baltimore.
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CENTRAL HALL (1ST FLOOR)
10 A.M.-5 P.M. LITERARY MARKETPLACE
Visit an array of self-published authors, literary organizations, small presses, magazines, and literary journals, all part of Baltimore’s diverse and talented literary arts community.

10:30 A.M. WELCOME TO CITYLIT FESTIVAL
CityLit Project executive director Gregg Wilhelm and Pratt Library CEO Dr. Carla Hayden open the 10th annual CityLit Festival.

WHEELER AUDITORIUM (3RD FLOOR)
11 A.M.-12:30 P.M. LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE AWARDS CEREMONY
Meet the Maryland winners in this national essay program for students grades 4-12, sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council/Maryland Center for the Book (mdhc.org). Featured author: Jonathon Scott Fuqua. His latest book, Calvert the Raven in the Battle of Baltimore, is an illustrated book for children.

1 P.M.-2:30 P.M. POETS LAUREATE STANLEY PLUMLY AND DICK ALLEN
Poets laureate Stanley Plumly (Maryland) and Dick Allen (Connecticut) read their latest work. Plumly is the author of Orphan Hours and is the recipient of the 2010 John William Corrington Award for Lifetime Achievement in Literature. Allen, author of Present Vanishing, is the recipient of the 2013 New Criterion Poetry Prize. Introduced by Michael Salcman, poet, critic and past chair, CityLit Project.

3 P.M.-4 P.M. GEORGE SAUNDERS
George Saunders is the author of three story collections: Pastoralia; CivilWarLand in Bad Decline (finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award); and In Persuasion Nation (finalist for the 2006 STORY Prize for best short story collection of the year). The New York Times called Saunders’ latest collection, Tenth of December, “the best book you’ll read this year.” In 2006, George Saunders received a “genius grant” from the MacArthur Foundation. Saunders will read from his new book and talk with Tom Hall, arts and culture editor, “Maryland Morning,” WYPR.

POE ROOM (2ND FLOOR)
10:45 A.M. WELCOME BY EDGAR ALLAN POE (MARK REDFIELD)

11 A.M.-11:50 A.M. IMPORTANCE OF PLACE: TIM WENDEL AND LEIGH NEWMAN
Readings by Tim Wendel (Habana Libre) and Leigh Newman (Still Points North).

12 NOON-12:50 P.M. A BALTIMORE/CAVE CANEM REUNION: AFAA MICHAEL WEAVER AND REGINALD HARRIS
Readings by poets Afaa Michael Weaver (The Government of Nature) and Reginald Harris (Autogeography).

1 P.M.-1:50 P.M. TWO IN ONE: FICTION WITH JEN MICHALSKI AND TERESE SVOBODA
Readings by Jen Michalski (Could You Be With Her Now) and Terese Svoboda (Tin God).

2 P.M.-2:50 P.M. JAMAL JOSEPH
Jamal Joseph, author of Panther Baby, in conversation with Marc Steiner, host of “The Marc Steiner Show,” WEAA. In the 1960s Jamal Joseph exhorted students at Columbia University to burn their college to the ground. Today he is chair of Columbia’s School of the Arts film division. Panther Baby, his memoir, tells of his personal odyssey from the streets of Harlem to the halls of Columbia.

SCHOOL AND STUDENT SERVICES (2ND FLOOR)
11 A.M.-11:50 P.M. NATIONAL POETRY MONTH CELEBRATION

12 NOON-1:30 P.M. MYSTERIOUS ADAPTATION: NOIR FROM NOVELS TO THE MOVIES
What is the mystery behind adapting a great novel to the silver screen? Join host Nik Korpon and writers Ariel S. Winter, Art Taylor, and Brian Lindenmuth for a thrilling discussion.

2 P.M.-3:30 P.M. HOW TO BECOME A BESTSELLING SELF-PUBLISHED DIGITAL AND PRINT AUTHOR
Presented by award-winning journalist and author Allegra Bennett. For the past 18 years, Bennett has headed her own media company, Ask Allegra, providing communication solutions to individuals and companies.

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