

CityLit Project & the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in partnership with Hedgebrook and Chesapeake Shakespeare Company present:



lifting as we climb

A CELEBRATION FOR READERS & WRITERS

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall

10:00 am - 12:00 pm (\$10)

One-on-One 30-Minute Editorial Critique Sessions:

Bret McCabe, Rebekah Kirkman, Chelsea Lemon Fetzer, Rosalia Scalia, Kathy Flann, Lisa Snowden-McCray

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

OF MOURNING & MEMORY: BROWN GIRL AND MUSLIM, THE POETRY OF LOSS & AWAKENINGS

FATIMAH ASGHAR, a reading & conversation with **Nafisa Isa**

11:30 am - 12:45 pm

QUEER POSSIBILITY: WRITING CATASTROPHE AND IMAGINING WHAT COMES NEXT

Featuring **Tonee Moll, Rahne Alexander, Unique Robinson, MEGAN MILKS***, and **Imani Spence**

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

NEVER QUITE LIKE THIS

Hedgebrook introduces **CARMEN MARIA MACHADO*** in conversation with **Nicole Shawan Junior**

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

THE 'STATE' OF BALTIMORE: SHEDDING LIGHT ON CRITICAL ISSUES

Featuring **Joshua Davis, Alanah Nichole Davis, Lawrence Brown, and Nneka N'namdi**

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

LITTLE DEVILS WITH UNCHAINED ARMS

HANIF ABDURRAQIB* in conversation with **Jason Reynolds**

2:30 - 3:30 pm

VOICES OF CARMEN

An original **CJ Philip** production and youth-centered, musical adaptation of the opera **Carmen**

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

A VISUAL MAPPING OF YOUR STORY: HOW TO WRITE WHAT YOU SEE

A 90-minute craft intensive featuring **Rosalia Scalia, Kosio Ugeuwe, Shannon Robinson, and Sufiya Abdur-Rahman**



3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

I'VE BEEN IN SORROW'S KITCHEN: THE MANY WAYS WE WEAR OUR GRIEF

A procession of artists in an eclectic exploration of loss featuring **Allen Xing, Kathy Flann, Mejdulene Shomali, Chin-Yer, Gayle Danley, Kisha Webster** (Greenmount West Community Center), **Kondwani Fidel**, and **Black Assets**

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

MY BROKEN LANGUAGE

Baltimore/DC Bushwick Book Club centers Quiara Alegria Hudes' work with a musical interpretation curated by **Sea Griffin**, featuring **Boy Meets Pearl, Lou Black**, and **Antonio Villaronga**

***THE WRITER'S ROOM** (Registration required)

MEGAN MILKS 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

CARMEN MARIA MACHADO 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

HANIF ABDURRAQIB & FATIMAH ASGHAR 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Chesapeake Shakespeare Theater 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

CATCHING THE LIGHT WITH JOY

A reading and conversation with **Brendan Basham** featuring former U.S. Poet Laureate **JOY HARJO**

Friday, March 31, 2023

Busboys and Poets - Baltimore 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

UNSHUTTERED POETS: POETRY AT THE CENTER OF HISTORY & REMEMBRANCE

Musical guest **Jahiti** will perform and featured guests include **Patricia Smith, Ephraim Nehemiah, Zeina Azzam, Sean Murphy, Kathleen Hellen, Tara Elliott**, and **Jalynn Harris: Master of Ceremonies**



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