

FESTIVAL DETAILS

Saturday, April 5, 2025



LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL

20 W Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Literary Marketplace - Open Mic

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

One-on-One 30-Minute Editorial Critique Sessions (\$10)

KAREN HOUPPERT, BRET MCCABE, REBEKAH KIRKMAN, CHELSEA LEMON FETZER

New - First Come, First Served

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Writing For Your Life - A Poetry Workshop with Seniors

Former Poet Laureate GRACE CAVALIERI

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Less is More: Building Suspense From the Get-go By Withholding and Writing 'Small'

Masterclass with DAN FESPERMAN (\$10)

The Weekly Reader - Live!

LAUREN FRANCIS-SHARMA, MAI SENNAAR, JACOB BUDENZ, & STEVEN LEYVA with MARION WINIK

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

God, I'm Here

BERNICE L. MCFADDEN, *Firstborn Girls*, in conversation with TRACY CHILES MCGHEE

The Literary Life of AI: Output Through the Years

LILLIAN-YVONNE BERTRAM & NICK MONTFORT with WENDY QUEEN

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

The 'State' of Baltimore: Arts As a Cultural Force

PATRICIA OFORI, JOHN JOHN WILLIAMS, GAIL COOPER, & VICTORIA KENNEDY with ALANAH NICHOLE DAVIS

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

When They See Us: Reckoning With History

MARTHA S. JONES, IRVIN WEATHERSBY, & KAYE WISE WHITEHEAD with DR. LAWRENCE JACKSON

Showcasing BAKER Literary Finalists

Literary Artists & JEN GROW

2:30 - 3:30 pm

We Are More Than One Story

ZEEVA BUKAI, KEVIN SHIRD, & KAREN OUTEN with HANNAH GREICO

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Voices From the Palestinian Diaspora

NAJLA SAID, SAHAR MUSTAFAH, & ISSAM ZINEH with DR. DIYA ABDO

The Publishing SEEN

90-minute craft intensive

SYLVIA JONES, JEANNA HAWKI, SARAH DANIELS, DORA MALECH, & CASEY PLETT with ANNIE MARHEFKA

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

What My Father and I Don't Talk About

MICHELE FILGATE in conversation with SUSAN MUADDI DARRAJ

TIPPING POINT: Climate. Crisis. Critical.

MARY ANNAÏSE HEGLAR & ERIC PUCHNER with NAADIYA HUTCHINSON

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Making a Life as an Artist: Writers as Entrepreneurs

90-minute craft intensive

DIANE R. SCOTT, ANDREW SIMONET, & DIMITRI REYES with CHERRIE WOODS

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Trans Authors Speak UP: Between Your Ears:

The Power of BEing Seen

CASEY PLETT, NIC ANSETT, & ADDIE TSAI

Writing Between Worlds: Misplacement, Memory, and Meaning

DIANA ROJAS, JUDITH KRUMMECK, PANTEA AMIN TOFANGCHI, & AMARA OKOLO with ABBY HIGGS

Friday, April 25, 2025

BALTIMORE UNITY HALL

1505 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, MD 21217

a good time for the truth:

DewMore Baltimore Youth Poetry Summit

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Youth Poetry Summit with EPHRAIM NEHEMIAH,

MECCA VERDELL, BLACK CHAKRA, KENNETH SOMETHING & LADY BRION

Featured Poet: RUDY FRANCISCO

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Youth Poetry Slam Competition

Open to the public

RED EMMA'S

13128 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218



We Who Do Words: Poetry Finale

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Musical Guest: WIFTY BANGURA

Featured Poets: DOMINIQUE CHRISTINA with ERICA DAWSON, MICHAEL B. TAGER, SYLVIA JONES, & AILISH HOPPER

Mistress of Ceremonies: TRACY DIMOND

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