



BALTIMORE'S
22ND ANNUAL
**city
lit
fest
ival**

CityLit Project in partnership
with Lord Baltimore Hotel
and Red Emma's present

OUR stories give LIGHT TO OUR future

Stargazer (Theo), LaToya M. Hobbs, 2022, Woodcut.
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Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL
20 W Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201




LITERARY MARKETPLACE
Over 65 vendors and an Open Mic


skill building

- **One-on-One 30-Minute Editorial Critique Sessions**
(\$10) NEW - *First Come, First Served*
- **Writing For Your Life** - A Poetry Workshop with Seniors
- **DAN FESPERMAN** - **Less is More: Building suspense from the get-go by withholding and writing 'small.'**
(\$10) Masterclass - Registration required. Visit citylitproject.org.
- **The Publishing SEEN** 90-minute craft intensive
- **Making a Life as an Artist: Writers as Entrepreneurs**
90-minute craft intensive

luminary lit talk

- **God, I'm Here: BERNICE L. MCFADDEN**, 
Firstborn Girls
- **What My Father and I Don't Talk About: MICHELE FILGATE**

readers reap

- **The Weekly Reader Live!** 
- **When They See Us: Reckoning With History**
- **The Literary Life of AI: Output Through the Years**

unlawful acts – fortifying the future

- **The 'State' of Baltimore: Arts as a Cultural Force**
- **We Are More Than One Story**
- **Voices From the Palestinian Diaspora**
- **Tipping Point: Climate. Crisis. Critical.**
- **Trans Authors Speak UP: Between Your Ears: The Power of BEING Seen**
- **Writing Between Worlds: Misplacement, Memory, and Meaning**

literary limelight

- **Showcasing BAKER Literary Finalists**



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

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Youth Poetry Slam Competition
Open to the public
Featured Poet: **RUDY FRANCISCO**

RED EMMA'S
3128 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218



We Who Do Words: CityLit Festival Poetry Finale

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Musical Guest: **WIFTY BANGURA**
Featured Poets: **DOMINIQUE CHRISTINA, ERICA DAWSON, MICHAEL B. TAGER, SYLVIA JONES, AILISH HOPPER**
Mistress of Ceremonies: **TRACY DIMOND**

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Rest in Power – Nikki Giovanni (June 7, 1943 - December 9, 2024)



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