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LITERARY ARTS & OPB Present
LITERARY ARTS: THE ARCHIVE PROJECT
Launching October 15th, 2014

An audio retrospective of some of the most engaging talks from the world's best writers and thinkers over the first 30 years of Literary Arts in Portland. As part of the 30th Anniversary celebration (2014-2015 season), Literary Arts will feature the archives on their site and OPB will broadcast select talks as a weekly program.

Literary Arts, Inc., the Portland-based nonprofit organization celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year, and OPB, a leader in public media, have partnered to bring some of world's greatest thinkers to audiences across Oregon and around the world.

Since 1984, Literary Arts has been amassing an audio archive that now includes 278 original lectures by some of the most creative and articulate minds of our generation. However, this archive, which includes original talks by the likes of **Toni Morrison, Edwidge Danticat, Joyce Carol Oates, Wallace Stegner, Marilynne Robinson**, and many others has never before been widely available to the public.

On **October 15th at 9 p.m.**, OPB Radio will broadcast Literary Arts' 30th Anniversary event. Thereafter, OPB will air *Literary Arts: The Archive Project*, a new weekly show on OPB Radio that features lectures from recent and long past events. The show will air Wednesdays at 9 p.m. In addition, <http://www.opb.org/archiveproject> will provide additional speaker information, along with a connection to the lectures and archives.

The lectures and more will also be available on Literary Arts website, www.literary-arts.org/the-archive-project, where fans, readers, students, and teachers can access them at any time. With each lecture, listeners can expect thoughtful hour-long discussions about writing, arts, culture, and life that will inspire (Wallace Stegner), provoke (Natasha Trethewey), and sometimes make us laugh (Calvin Trillin).

Since 2010, OPB has partnered with Literary Arts to broadcast lectures on the radio reaching tens of thousands of listeners. Literary Arts also occasionally hosts OPB's daily radio program *Think Out Loud*, which features visiting Portland Arts & Lectures authors.

Literary Arts' Executive Director Andrew Proctor says, "This new project is a perfect fit with our mission to make high quality literature accessible to as many people as possible. For the last 30 years, Literary Arts has had a celebrated tradition of filling our largest concert hall--2,776 seats--with passionate readers who want to connect with the most accomplished writers. Now even more readers can be inspired and entertained by these original talks."

Lynne Clendenin, OPB's vice president of programming adds, "We're excited about this collaboration with Literary Arts and believe it's a strong step toward lifting and preserving the talents of those serving the literary world today. We're especially pleased that our host will be Andrew Proctor, one of the champions of the literary world."

Literary Arts: The Archive Project is made possible through our partners and sponsors **The Oregon Arts Commission, The Oregon Community Foundation, J.W. & H.M. Goodman Family Charitable Foundation, Needmore Designs, and OPB.**

To hear *Literary Arts: The Archive Project* on OPB, tune in Wednesdays at 9 p.m. For more information visit <http://www.opb.org/archiveproject>. To access **The Archive Project** online, visit <http://www.literary-arts.org/the-archive-project>. Over the next two years, this archive will continue to release numerous lectures from the Literary Arts archives, along with the lectures broadcast by OPB Radio.

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About LITERARY ARTS

Established in 1984, Literary Arts is a nonprofit organization founded, inspired, and sustained by the likes of Ursula K. Le Guin and William Stafford and has helped make Oregon more than a place with a bookish reputation. They are a comprehensive, nationally recognized cultural center for writers, publishers, readers, and lovers of thoughtful conversations.

Literary Arts is home to the country's largest literary lecture series, **Portland Arts & Lectures**, where speakers don't read from their published works; instead, they share lectures and presentations that they've written specifically for Literary Arts or engage in unscripted on-stage conversations with up to 2,700 people in a concert hall and thousands more public radio listeners across the state through a partnership with Oregon Public Broadcasting.

Literary Arts keeps literature democratic with more than 100 free community programs and events every year, connecting multiple generations and skill levels with renowned authors in public schools and spaces. Their **Writers in the Schools** program hires working writers of today to teach and inspire local high school students. They award \$30,000 a year to transform Oregon Book Awards winners and fellows into literary ambassadors who engage Oregonians at workshops and readings across the state. In 2014/2015, Literary Arts will award an additional \$19,000 in honor of their 30th Anniversary and the **Oregon Book Awards & Fellowships** founder, Brian Booth. Under the steady hand of an experienced scholar, readers explore demanding books in the discussion-based **Delve Readers Seminars**. And, with some coaching and encouragement, budding young poets court their muses, haul them on stage, and bring them to life at **Verselandia!**, Portland's citywide teen poetry slam.

About OPB

OPB is the largest cultural and education institution in the region, delivering excellence in public media with 1.5 million people listening and watching each week through television, radio, the Internet and on mobile devices. OPB is one of most-supported public broadcasting services in the country, supported primarily and generously by members across Oregon and southern Washington. For more information, visit www.opb.org.

LITERARY ARTS' 30th Anniversary Highlights Include:

- **Sept. 8th Birthday Celebration** with Elizabeth Gilbert, Calvin Trillin (Portland Arts & Lectures 1st speaker in 1984), Colin Meloy of The Decemberists, Verselandia! 2014 winner Bella Trent, poet Zachary Schomburg, and additional special guests
- Literary Arts acquires the **Wordstock Festival**, Portland's annual book festival. Wordstock re-launches Nov. 7, 2015 at the Portland Art Museum
- Literary Arts partners with **TriMet** and the **Poetry Society of America** to bring poetry back to Portland's public transit this fall with the Poetry in Motion program
- *The World Split Open*, a Literary Arts Reader, will be published by **Tin House Books** on Nov. 11, 2014 and will be available at bookstores and e-retailers across the US and Canada
- Portland Arts & Lectures presents: **James McBride** (Oct. 16), **Elizabeth Kolbert** (Nov. 13), **Michael Chabon** (Jan. 15), **Ruth Ozeki** (Feb. 19), **Katherine Boo** (Apr. 23)
- Literary Arts will share 30 years of presentations by great writers and thinkers through an audio archive partnership with **OPB** and a retrospective exhibit at **Multnomah County Library**
- This year, Literary Arts is nearly doubling the amount they will award for the **Oregon Book Awards & Fellowships** program, giving an additional \$19,000 to Oregon writers and publishers this year on top of their annual \$30,000.
- Literary Arts is establishing the **Brian Booth Writers' Fund a \$2 million endowment campaign to support Oregon writers** for many years to come: <http://www.literary-arts.org/who-we-are/brian-booth-writers-fund/>
- Literary Arts co-hosts **The Moth Mainstage** (Dec. 15)
- Literary Arts re-launches the Poetry Downtown program with poets **Terrance Hayes** (Feb. 17), **Mark Doty** (Apr. 27), and **Anne Carson** (May 16)

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