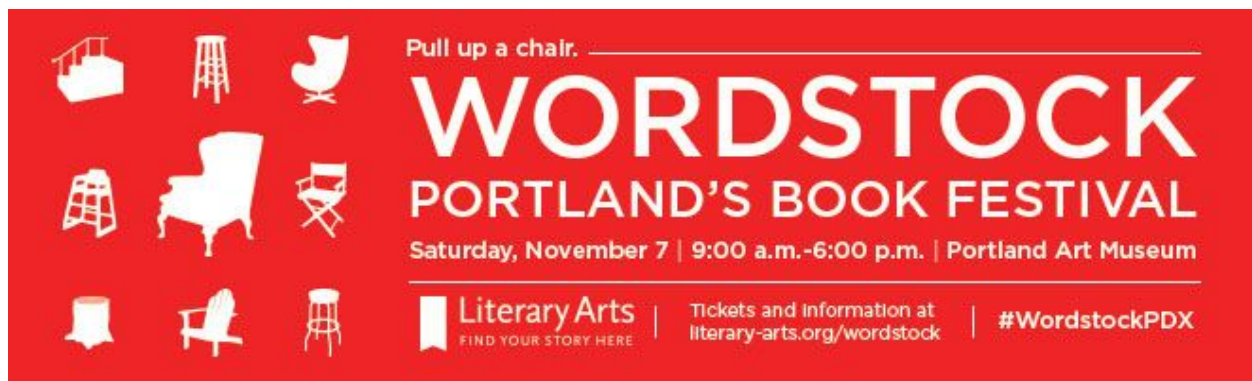


September 9th, 2015 / Portland, OR: Literary Arts is pleased to announce the 2015 lineup for the newly relaunched Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival . . .

Literary Arts Executive Director, Andrew Proctor says, *It is an honor to have the opportunity to present Wordstock, and we are so grateful to all our partners who helped us bring the festival back. It's a huge community-wide effort, and **Wordstock is dedicated to bringing readers and writers of all ages together** to celebrate a shared passion for books and to hear and engage with some of best writers at work today.*

Festival Manager, Amanda Bullock says, *It's a huge testament to the literary might of Portland that so many best-selling, beloved authors will be joining us from near and far this November for Wordstock. I'm so proud of the festival we've built together this year; and I'm already excited about the ways we'll continue building Wordstock for many years to come.*



Join thousands of readers of all ages for an astonishing lineup of activities featuring **more than 80 authors, 40 events, 17 workshops, a book fair with 60+ local and national publishing vendors and literary organizations, food carts, a beer garden, live music, and more. Pull up a chair!**

2015 Children's, Middle Grade, and Young Adult writers include:

Emily Adrian author of *Like It Never Happened* / **Rilla Alexander** author of *Her Idea* / **Rob Buyea** author of *Saving Mr. Terupt* / **Kendare Blake, Templeman McCormick**, and **April Genevieve Tucholke** for the anthology *Slasher Girls and Monster Boys* (YA) / **Virginia Boecker** author of *The Witch Hunter* (YA) / **Cathy Camper** author of *Lowriders in Space* / **Dhonielle Clayton** author of *Tiny Pretty Things* (YA) / **Kris Dinnison** author of *You & Me & Him* (YA) / **Karl Newsom Edwards** author of *Fly!* / **Carson Ellis** author of *Home* / **Brian Floca** author of *Old Wolf* / **Ilene Wong Gregorio** author of *None of the Above* (YA) / **Paige McKenzie** author of *The Haunting of Sunshine Girl* (YA) / **Stacey Lee** author of *Under a Painted Sky* (YA) / **David Levithan** author of *Another Day* (YA) / **Maile Meloy** author of *The After-Room* / **William Ritter** author of *Beastly Bones* (YA) / **Christian Robinson** author of *Leo: A Ghost Story* / **Adam Rubin** and **Dan Salmieri** authors of *Robo-Sauce* / **Chris Scofield** author of *The Shark Curtain* (YA) / **Heidi Schulz** author of *Hook's Revenge: The Pirate Code* / **Michelle Tea** author of *Girl at the Bottom of the Sea* (YA) / **Renee Watson** author of *This Side of Home* (YA)

2015 Fiction writers include:

Kathleen Alcott author of *Infinite Home* / **Jami Attenberg** author of *Saint Mazie* / **Carmiel Banasky** author of *The Suicide of Claire Bishop* / **Arthur Bradford** author of *Turtleface and Beyond: Stories* / **Sloane Crosley** author of *The Clasp* / **Patrick DeWitt** author of *Undermajordomo Minor* / **Rebecca Dinerstein** author of *The Sunlit Night* / **Brian Doyle** author of *Martin Marten* / **Polly Dugan** author of *The Sweetheart Deal* / **Jesse Eisenberg** author of *Bream Gives Me Hiccups: And Other Stories* / **Mary Gaitskill** author of *The Mare* / **David Gates** author of *A Hand Reached Down to Guide Me: Stories and a Novella* / **Garth Risk Hallberg** author of *City on Fire* / **John Irving** author of *Avenue of Mysteries* / **Sara Jaffe** author of *Dryland* / **Valeria Luiselli** author of *The Story of My Teeth* / **Chinelo Okparanta** author of *Under the Udala Trees* / **Benjamin Percy** author of *The Dead Lands* / **Portland Public School Students** authors of *Off Center: WITS Student Anthology 2014–2015* / **Tom Spanbauer** author of *I Loved You More* / **Glenn Taylor** author of *A Hanging at Cinder Bottom* / **Katherine Taylor** author of *Valley Fever* / **Adrian Tomine** author of *Killing and Dying* (graphic novel) / **Vendela Vida** author of *The Diver's Clothes Lie Empty* / **Willy Vlautin** author of *The Free* / **Claire Vaye Watkins** author of *Gold, Fame, Citrus* / **Cat Winters** author of *The Uninvited* / **Cecily Wong** author of *Diamond Head* / **Lidia Yuknavitch** author of *The Small Backs of Children*

2015 Poets include:

Mary Jo Bang author of *The Last Two Seconds* / **Katie Ford** author of *Blood Lyrics* / **Robin Coste Lewis** author of *Voyage of the Sable Venus* / **Rowan Ricardo Phillips** author of *Heaven* / **Alicia Jo Rabins** author of *Divinity School* / **Diane Seuss** author of *Four-legged Girl* / **Rebecca Wolff** author of *One Morning*

2015 Nonfiction (Essays, Memoir, History, and Politics) writers include:

Ari Berman author of *Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America* / **Sandra Cisneros** author of *A House of My Own: Stories From My Life* / **Tracy Daugherty** author of *The Last Love Song: A Biography of Joan Didion* / **Zach Dundas** author of *The Great Detective: The Amazing Rise and Immortal Life of Sherlock Holmes* / **Heidi Julavits** author of *The Folded Clock* / **Jon Krakauer** author of *Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town* / **Ursula K. Le Guin** author of *Steering the Craft* / **Marie Mutsuki Mockett** author of *Where the Dead Pause, and the Japanese Say Goodbye* / **Michael McGregor** author of *Pure Act: The Uncommon Life of Robert Lax* / **Maggie Nelson** author of *The Argonauts* / **Diana Nyad** author of *Find a Way* / **Wendell Pierce** author of *The Wind in the Reeds* / **Lauren Redniss** author of *Thunder and Lightning* (graphic novel) / **Luc Sante** author of *The Other Paris* / **Stacy Schiff** author of *The Witches: Salem, 1692* / **David Banis** and **Hunter Shobe** authors of *Portlandness: A Cultural Atlas* / **Cheryl Strayed** author of *Brave Enough* / **Simon Winchester** author of *Pacific*

2015 Cookbook and Food writers include:

Elias Cairo author of *Olympia Provisions: Cured Meats and Tales from an American Charcuterie* / **Jenn Louis** author of *Pasta by Hand: A Collection of Italy's Regional Hand-Shaped Pasta* / **Adam and Jackie Sappington** authors of *Heartlandia: Heritage Recipes from Portland's The Country Cat* / **Mark Schatzker** author of *The Dorito Effect*

Stay tuned for the full program schedule and additional special events, which we'll be announcing in October---including OPB's *State of Wonder* and *Think Out Loud* programming

stages at the Festival. Off-site events will include the first ever **Portland Lit Crawl** and Wordstock editions of **Live Wire Radio** and **Back Fence PDX**.

Wordstock 2015 Festival and Ticketing Basics:

Literary Arts presents Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival

Saturday, November 7th, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Portland Art Museum: 1219 SW Park Ave. Portland, OR 97205

All-day admission: **\$15 for adults 18 and older** (includes a \$5 "book voucher" redeemable toward any book fair purchase).

\$10 admission for Portland Art Museum Members (doesn't include a \$5 "book voucher")

* Advance tickets include a limited edition Wordstock notebook created by Scout Books

* **Free for attendees 17 and younger or any student with a valid high school ID**

For additional information and to buy tickets, visit: literary-arts.org/wordstock/

Wordstock Opening Celebration and Fundraiser:

Friday, November 6th, 6 pm to 10 pm: Join Literary Arts and this year's Festival authors at

The Bookmark Ball: Wordstock Opening Night Party at the Portland Art Museum.

Featuring author **James McBride** and **The Good Lord Bird Band**.

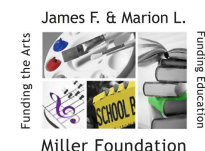
Only 150 tickets available. \$35-\$125 on sale at literary-arts.org and include a Festival ticket.

About Literary Arts: Founded in 1984, **Literary Arts** is a community-based nonprofit literary organization located in downtown Portland. In 2014 we celebrated 30 years of serving Oregon's readers and writers. Our programs include **Portland Arts & Lectures**, one of the country's largest lecture series; **Oregon Book Awards & Fellowships**, which celebrates Oregon's writers and independent publishers; **Writers in the Schools**, which hires professional writers to teach semester-long creative writing workshops in Portland's public high schools; and we host guided discussion groups around great works of literature through a program called **Delve**. In 2014, Literary Arts acquired **Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival** as one of our programs. The goal of the book festival is to build community around literature through author events, workshops, a book fair, and more. Wordstock began in 2005 and is the largest celebration of literature in the Pacific Northwest. After a rebuilding year, Literary Arts is pleased to re-launch Portland's Book Festival at the Portland Art Museum on November 7th, 2015.

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