PORTLAND BOOK FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SCH
Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall
1037 SW Broadway Ave.
The Standard Stage
*TICKET REQUIRED

NEW
Newmark Theatre at Portland'5
1111 SW Broadway Ave.
FLOORS 2, 3, & 4
Tim & Mary Boyle Stage

WIN
Winningstad Theatre at Portland'5
1111 SW Broadway Ave.
FLOORS 1 & 2
Hugh Mackworth in memory of Josie Mendoza Stage

BRU
Brunish Theatre at Portland'5
1111 SW Broadway Ave.
FLOOR 4
Oregon Community Foundation Stage

10:00 a.m.
Carson Ellis & Colin Meloy
Wildwood
Moderator: Andrew Proctor

10:00 a.m.
Andrew Sean Greer *Villa Coco*
Moderator: Lucy Feldman

10:15 a.m.
Survival
Emiko Jean *Before You Were Anne*
T Kira Māhealani Madden *Whidbey*
Moderator: Marisa Siegel

10:00 a.m.
Poetry and the Natural World
Victoria Chang *Tree of Knowledge*
Beth Piatote *distant water*
Moderator: Alyssa Ogi

11:30 p.m.
Finding Home
Dr. Mary Fariba Afsari *Labor*
Danny Ramadan *Crooked Teeth*
Moderator: Claudia Meza

12:00 p.m.
Ke Huy Quan *Never Say Die*
Moderator: Dave Miller

11:45 a.m.
Melissa Albert *The Children*
Moderator: Jess Hazel

12:00 p.m.
First Love
Margot Fisher *Leave It on the Track*
Renée Watson *Everything New Again*
Moderator: Jenn Chávez

1:00 p.m.
Magic and Romance
Emiko Jean *Love Me Tomorrow*
Angela Velez
Tangled Roots and Wild Dreams
Moderator: Katherine Cusumano

1:30 p.m.
Elizabeth Alexander
Signals Across Vast Distances
Moderator: Mitchell S. Jackson

1:45 p.m.
On the Road
Kathleen Boland *Scavengers*
Patrick deWitt *Dodge City*
Moderator: Julie Buntin

2:30 p.m.
2025-26 Youth Programs Anthology Launch
Student Writers
A Small Piece of Night: 2025–26 Youth Programs Anthology

3:15 p.m.
Alexis Nikole Nelson
Happy Snacking, Don't Die!
Moderator: Crystal Ligori

3:30 p.m.
Hauntings
Jen St. Jude *Where You'll Find Us*
Aiden Thomas *Cemetery Boys: Espiritu*
Moderator: Courtney Gould

3:45 p.m.
Belonging
Hieu Minh Nguyen *Staying Still*
Paisley Rekdal *Heritance*
Moderator: Jae Nichelle

***Festival events at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall require a ticket for entry.**

ALL attendees must have a session-specific ticket for entry to the *Wildwood* and/or *Never Say Die* events.

5:00 p.m.
Tananarive Due *Mazywood*
Moderator: Kayla Kumari Upadhyaya

5:00 p.m.
Political Poetics
Tina Chang *Lion*
Kyle Carrero Lopez *Party Line*
Moderator: m. mick powell

5:00 p.m.
Search and Rescue
Megan E. Freeman *The Secret to Belonging*
Jen Ferguson *Like Glass*
Moderator: Anis Mojgani

No public signings. Books available at Literary Arts bookstore at the exhibitor fair in the PAM Grand Ballroom.

Book signings for these events held on site in the Hatfield Hall lobby.
Book signings for Newmark Theatre events on the third floor outside the theatre.
Book signings for Winningstad and Brunish Theatre events in the Hatfield Hall lobby near bookstore. All book sales by Broadway Books.

Lineup subject to change without notice.

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WHIT
Whitsell Auditorium
1219 SW Park Ave.
LEVEL 0
Swickard Group Stage

UCC
First Congregational United Church of Christ
1126 SW Park Ave.
Hoffman Construction Company Stage

TOC
The Old Church
1422 SW 11th Ave.
Zidell Family Foundation Stage

10:00 a.m.
In the Shadows
Isabel Cañas *The House of Gardenias*
Maggie Stiefvater *The Dream Thieves*
Moderator: Alicia Tate

10:00 a.m.
Restaurants and Relationships: Chai Pani and Nixta Taqueria
Meherwan Irani *No. 1 Best Indian Cookbook in the World*, **Molly Irani** *Service Ready*
Sara Mardanbigi, Edgar Rico *Nixta Taqueria Presents: From Tacos to Tahdig*
Moderator: Farideh Sadeghin

10:00 a.m.
On Biography
Julia Cooke *Starry and Restless*
Lance Richardson *True Nature*
Moderator: Charley Locke

11:45 a.m.
Strange Lands
Nelio Biedermann *Lázár*
Tom Lin, *Babylon, South Dakota*
Moderator: Genevieve Hudson

11:45 a.m.
Second Chances
Deesha Philyaw *The True Confessions of First Lady Freeman*
Rainbow Rowell *Cherry Baby*
Moderator: Kristen Arnett

11:30 a.m.
Not-not Midlife Crisis
Priyanka Mattoo *How to Be Less Useful*
Emily Nemens *Clutch*
Moderator: Maris Kreizman

1:00 p.m.
NBF Presents: What We Inherit
Hannah Lillith Assadi *Paradiso 17*
Julián Delgado Lopera *Pretend You're Dead and I Carry You*
Moderator: Ruth Dickey

1:30 p.m.
Graphic Memoirs
Lisa Hanawalt *I Can't Stop Thinking About Horses and Sex*
Julia Wertz *Bury Me Already (It's Nice Down Here)*
Moderator: Shay Mirk

1:30 p.m.
Party Time
Irene Yoo *Soju Party*
Farideh Sadeghin *The Hot Dog Cookbook*
Moderator: Cecily Wong

2:30 p.m.
Portrait of the Artist
Ed Park *Three Tenses*
Alicia Jo Rabins *When We're Born We Forget Everything*
Moderator: Lillian Karabaic

3:15 p.m.
Intimacies
Emeline Atwood *A Real Animal*
Julie Buntin *Famous Men*
Moderator: Kimberly King Parsons

3:15 p.m.
Outer Spaces
Becky Chambers *As You Wake, Break the Shell*
Portia Elan *Homebound*
Moderator: Aaron Scott

5:00 p.m.
Days of Love and Rage
Anand Gopal *Days of Love and Rage*
Moderator: Geoff Norcross

5:00 p.m.
Intergenerational
Valeria Luiselli *Beginning Middle End*
Willy Vlautin *The Left and the Lucky*
Moderator: Matthew Trueherz

Book signings and sales for these events are held in the Stevens Room on Level O, next door to auditorium. Book sales by Powell's Books.

Book signings for these events held on site. Book sales by Annie Bloom's Books.

Book signings for these events held on site. Book sales by Broadway Books.

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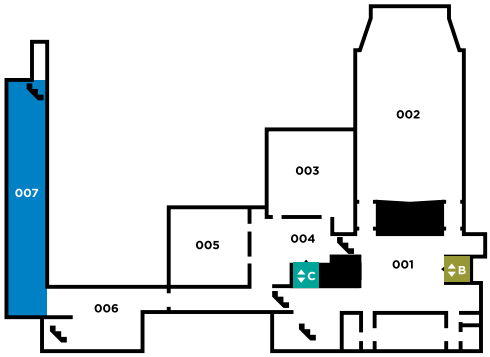
POP-UP MAP

PORTLAND ART MUSEUM OVERVIEW

Level 0	Prints & Drawings (007)
Level 1	Asian Art (108)
Level 1	Black Art & Experiences (114)
Level 2	American Art (208, 209, 211)
Level 2	Nine Women Artists (207)
Level 2	The Stars We Do Not See (212)
Level 2	Native American Art (215)
Level 3	Modern and Contemporary Art (303)
Level 3	Northwest Art (301)
Level 4	Northwest Art (400, 402)

Level 0



Level 1

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Level 2

Level 4

POP-UP READINGS

In addition to onstage events, the Portland Book Festival features pop-up readings and performances throughout the Portland Art Museum galleries. These pop-ups highlight intersections between the visual art at the Museum and the written and spoken work presented at the Festival.

Please reference a map of the Portland Art Museum to find the locations of the pop-up readings. Pop-ups are first-come, first-served, and very limited seating is available in the gallery spaces. Schedule subject to change without notice.

11:00 A.M.

- **Julián Delgado Lopera,** *Pretend You're Dead and I Carry You,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402
- **Alicia Jo Rabins,** *When We're Born We Forget Everything,* Asian Art, Level 1, 108
- **Julia Wertz,** *Bury Me Already (It's Nice Down Here),* Prints & Drawings, Level 0, 007

11:15 A.M.

- **Hannah Lillith Assadi,** *Paradiso 17,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402
- **Anthony Hudson,** *Lamp Back, American Art,* Level 2, 211*

11:30 A.M.

- **Julie Buntin, Cecily Wong, Chelsea Bieker,** *Notes to New Mothers,* Asian Art, Level 1, 108*
- **Tina Chang,** *Lion,* Native American Art, Level 2, 215
- **Lisa Hanawalt,** *I Can't Stop Thinking About Horses and Sex,* Prints & Drawings, Level 0, 007

11:45 A.M.

- **Victoria Chang,** *Tree of Knowledge,* The Stars We Do Not See, Level 2, 212
- **Patrick deWitt,** *Dodge City,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402

12:00 P.M.

- **Erin Connor,** *Still into You,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402*
- **Portia Elan,** *Homebound,* American Art, Level 2, 211
- **Anthea Kreston,** *Crescendo,* Prints & Drawings, Level 0, 007*

12:15 P.M.

- **Kathleen Boland,** *Scavengers,* American Art, Level 2, 209
- **Kyle Carrero Lopez,** *Party Line,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402

12:30 P.M.

- **Genevieve DeGuzman,** *Karaoke at the End of the World,* Nine Women Artists, Level 2, 207*
- **Ed Park,** *Three Tenses,* Northwest Art, Level 3, 301
- **Kevin Sampsell,** *Baby in the Night,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402*

12:45 P.M.

- **Courtney Gould,** *Until the Last Light Goes Out,* Modern and Contemporary Art, Level 3, 303
- **T Kira Māhealani Madden,** *Whidbey,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402

1:00 P.M.

- **Emeline Atwood,** *A Real Animal,* Nine Women Artists, Level 2, 207
- **Jessica Meza-Torres, Kyle Yoshioka, Paul Susi,** BIPOC Reading Series Presents: *Character Work,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 400*
- **Jae Nichelle,** *Grownfolk Blues,* Northwest Art, 4, Level 402*

1:15 P.M.

- **Alex Behr,** *Animal Kingdom: Stories,* Prints & Drawings, Level 0, 007*
- **Tom Lin,** *Babylon,* South Dakota, Northwest Art, Level 4, 402

1:30 P.M.

- **Anne Broyles,** *Words Spoken True,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 400*
- **Becky Chambers,** *As You Wake,* Break the Shell, Northwest Art, Level 3, 301
- **Hieu Minh Nguyen,** *Staying Still,* Native American Art, Level 2, 215

1:45 P.M.

- **Maris Kreizman,** *I Want to Burn This Place Down,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402
- **Lance Richardson,** *True Nature,* American Art, Level 2, 208

2:00 P.M.

- **Jamie Fisher,** *Nobody Broke Your Heart,* Nine Women Artists, Level 2, 207*
- **Emily Nemens,** *Clutch,* Mary Henry: A Long Unbroken Line, Level 3, 301
- **Danny Ramadan,** *Crooked Teeth,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402

2:15 P.M.

- **Nelio Biedermann,** *Lázár,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402
- **Deesha Philyaw,** *The True Confessions of First Lady Freeman,* Black Art & Experiences, Level 1, 114

2:30 P.M.

- **Julia Cooke,** *Starry and Restless,* Nine Women Artists, Level 2, 207
- **Liz Prato,** *Purgatoire,* American Art, Level 2, 209*
- **Paisley Rekdal,** *Heritance,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 400

2:45 P.M.

- **Ally Ang,** *Let the Moon Wobble,* Modern and Contemporary Art, Level 3, 303*
- **Rainbow Rowell,** *Cherry Baby,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402

3:00 P.M.

- **Rachel Hochhauser,** *Lady Tremaine,* Nine Women Artists, Level 2, 207*
- **Priyanka Mattoo,** *How to Be Less Useful,* Prints & Drawings, Level 0, 007
- **Beth Piatote,** *distant water,* Native American Art, Level 2, 215

3:15 P.M.

- **Samuel Ligon,** *Miller Cane,* American Land, Level 2, 209*
- **Willy Vlautin,** *The Left and the Lucky,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 400
- **Sarah Wang,** *New Skin,* Northwest Art, Level 3, 301*

3:30 P.M.

- **Dr. Mary Fariba Afsari,** *Labor: One Woman's Work,* Northwest Art, Level 4, 402
- **Renée Watson,** *Everything New Again,* Black Art & Experiences, Level 1, 114

3:45 P.M.

- **Nancy Foley,** *I Am Agatha,* American Art, Level 2, 209*
- **Samantha Saldivar,** *Running Home to You,* Prints & Drawings, Level 0, 007*

**These authors will sign books after their reading in the PAM Shop on Level 1.*

KIDS STAGE & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Portland Book Festival celebrates book lovers of all ages! We offer fun-filled family activities, including story times, panel discussions, crafts, and more. The Judy Kafoury Center for Youth Arts at 1000 SW Broadway, home of the Northwest Children's Theater, is where all our kids' programming takes place.

JDY1
The Black Box at The Judy
1000 SW Broadway Ave.

10:30 a.m.
Spooky Stories
Annie Barrows *Ghost Guild: The Lost Three*
Daniel Nayeri *The Bizarre Bazaar: Down a Dark Path*
Moderator: Shana Targosz

11:30 a.m.
Destiny
Julie Abe *The Magic Library of Waterfall Way*
Triona Murphy *Socks & Secret Quests*
Moderator: Kate Ristau

12:30 p.m.
Crushing
Huda Fahmy *Huda F Would Love You?*
Pedro Martín *Mexikid Dreams*
Moderator: Aron Nels Steinke

1:30 p.m.
Making Picture Books
Traci N. Todd *That You Are Here Is No Small Thing*
Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant *You Belong in the Wild*
Moderator: Kali Thorne Ladd

2:30 p.m.
A Voyage through Time and Space
Mac Barnett *Tom Nancy*
Shawn Harris *Duel*

JDY2
The Stage at The Judy
1000 SW Broadway Ave.

10:00 a.m.
Animal Tales
Kara LaReau *Licorice*
Rosanne Parry *A Raven of the Rainforest*
Moderator: Emily Chenoweth

11:15 p.m.
Illustrator Draw-Off: Chapter One
Scott Campbell *Feeling Good!*, **Huda Fahmy** *Huda F Would Love You?*, **Vashti Harrison** *That You Are Here Is No Small Thing*, **Julia Kuo** *Bing's Cherries and Mountainous*, **Steph Littlebird** *You Are the Land*, **Pedro Martín** *Mexikid Dreams*
Hosts: Breena Bard and Jonathan Hill

1:00 p.m.
New Frontiers
Daniel Nayeri *This Is a Door*
Aida Salazar *Stream*
Moderator: Armin Tolentino

2:30 p.m.
Illustrator Draw-Off: Chapter Two
Zoey Abbott *How to Draw a Zombie*, **Andy Harkness** *Find the Sun*, **Christopher Myers** *Night Ride*, **Lena Podesta** *I Am Not Boring*, **Aron Nels Steinke** *The New Student: Mr. Wolf's Class #6*, **Tracy Subisak** *The Inactivity Book*
Moderators: Breena Bard and Jonathan Hill

JDY3
The Cinema at The Judy
1000 SW Broadway Ave.

10:00 a.m.
Emily Arrow's Singalong Warm Up
Emily Arrow *Dear Bookstore*

10:30 a.m.
Story Time Set: Let's Go
Andy Harkness *Find the Sun*
Christopher Myers *Night Ride*
Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant *You Belong in the Wild*

11:30 a.m.
Break & Guests

11:45 a.m.
Story Time Set: Action!
Zoey Abbott *How to Draw a Zombie*
Shawn Harris *Duel*
Tracy Subisak *The Inactivity Book*

12:45 p.m.
Break & Guests

1:00 p.m.
Story Time Set: Head Cases
Mac Barnett *Tom Nancy*
Scott Campbell *Feeling Good!*
Lena Podesta *I Am Not Boring*

2:00 p.m.
Break & Guests

2:15 p.m.
Story Time Set: Your Story
Vashti Harrison *That You Are Here Is No Small Thing*
Julia Kuo *Bing's Cherries and Mountainous*
Steph Littlebird *You Are the Land*
Traci N. Todd *That You Are Here Is No Small Thing*

3:15 p.m. Closing Singalong
Emily Arrow *Dear Bookstore*

A CHILDREN'S PLACE BOOKSTORE SALES AND SIGNINGS ARE ON SITE AT THE JUDY.

FREE ADMISSION

ADMISSION IS FREE TO ATTENDEES 17 AND UNDER OR WITH VALID HIGH SCHOOL ID.

You can purchase or pick up your passes at the Judy window from 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.!

CRAFT SPACE

Join Adventures in Spanish! and special guests in the Aubrey Studio 1 from 2–4:00 p.m. for crafts, storytime, and other activities.

ADVENTURES in Spanish
Learning that lasts a lifetime

Writing Workshops at the Festival

ADULT WRITING WORKSHOPS PAM

PBF offers a series of writing workshops taught by local writers. These free drop-in writing workshops take place on Saturday in **Room 005 of the Portland Art Museum**.

WRITING WITH TAROT

Instructor: Miranda Schmidt

10:30–11:30 a.m

Tarot is both deeply symbolic and highly narrative, creating a system that can inspire and guide many forms of writing. This multigenre workshop will introduce techniques for using tarot in one's writing practice.

STARTING THE STORY

Instructor: Margaret Muthee

12–1:00 p.m.

The short story is a powerful medium of storytelling.This workshop will explore how to get started on writing the short story—thinking through inspirations, exploring ways of writing compelling short story beginnings, and focussing on how to draw the reader in as you move the story forward from the beginning to the end.

PLOTTING THE STORY

Instructor: Rajesh K. Reddy

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Explore ways plot functions in the short story, with tips and examples to guide you.

POETRY AS PERSONAL MYTH

Instructor: Jesse Carsten

3–4:00 p.m.

This short workshop will look at a way to interweave mythos into poetry writing, revealing personal mythologies, unexpected eruptions of wisdom, and a way of working that's full of creative power.

YOUTH WRITING WORKSHOPS RSG

Youth Programs at Literary Arts is pleased to offer free youth writing workshops as part of PBF in the **Rental Sales Gallery at 1237 SW 10th Ave**. All youth writing workshops are free to attend but require a festival wristband (free for youth) and registration in advance. Recommended for ages 14+.

QUICK-N-DIRTY SPEC-FIC

FREE | SCAN TO REGISTER

Facilitator: Déy Rivers

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Wanna play in alternate worlds? It's challenging but glorious here! Join us for an Intro to Spec-Fic. Learn what is considered Speculative Fiction. Get ideas down using artwork as inspiration to explore spec-fic lines of thinking: "What if..", "If only..." and "If this goes on..." Walk away with writing to possibly expand or refine later.

POETIC JUSTICE

FREE | SCAN TO REGISTER

Facilitator: Nicky Nicholson-Klingerman

12:45–2:00 p.m.

The Poetic Justice Workshop explores poetry that addresses cultural, communal, or global traumas challenges. Covering works ranging from Langston Hughes to Taylor Byas, this is an opportunity to learn how to express yourself to inspire—or hold accountable—your community.

WRITING TRUE CHARACTERS

FREE | SCAN TO REGISTER

Facilitator: Katherine Cusumano

3:30–4:45 p.m.

In this workshop, we'll practice creating lively, compelling characters who are drawn from real life on the page. First, we'll focus on writing about other people—and then, we'll turn to ourselves, learning how to use our feelings and point of view to craft a great narrator for memoirs and personal essays.