

**September 2017 / Portland, OR: Literary Arts announces the 2017 author lineup for Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival presented by Bank of America.**

On **Saturday, November 11**, join readers of all ages for the largest celebration of books and writing in the Pacific Northwest. There will be **100+ authors, 70+ vendors, 8 partner venues, 15 writing workshops**, food trucks, and new satellite bookstores from our indie bookselling partners **Powell's Books, Green Bean Books, and Broadway Books** at this year's festival in downtown Portland.

This year, we are thrilled to have *The New York Times* as a new programming and media partner. *Times* writers will moderate select on-stage conversations.

Also, Literary Arts would like to give a special thanks to the valuable leadership role **Bank of America** has taken in supporting the festival as the title sponsor for 2017.

Don't miss Portland's Book Festival because . . .

**"The Wordstock Book Festival is LEGENDARY."** —*Bustle*

**"Portland's literary game is strong**, and anyone from an armchair fiction writer to a published mogul will find something of interest at the annual Wordstock Festival." —*Thrillist*

"Wordstock [is] Portland's huge, book-a-trip worthy November literary festival. **Everyone I encountered in Portland, from waiter to clerk to doorman to librarian, raved about Wordstock.**" —*Uproxx*

**"Hosted by Literary Arts, the festival is bigger and more anticipated than ever and will be set at the beautiful Portland Art Museum downtown.** It will be a thriving place where literary creators and consumers of all ages can all come together to celebrate a mutual passion." —*Culture Trip*



**On November 11, Literary Arts is pleased to present . . .**

**Children's, Middle Grade, and Young Adult writers including:**

Children's books: **Mac Barnett** author of *The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse* and *Triangle* / **Vera Brosgol** author of *Leave Me Alone!* / **Ben Clanton** author of *Boo Who?* / **Karl Newsom Edwards** author of *I Got a New Friend* / **Carson Ellis** author of *Du Iz Tak?* / **Dev Petty** author of *There's Nothing to Do!* / **Rebecca Green** author of *How to Make Friends with a Ghost* / **Maxine Rose Schur & Jeanne B De Sainte Marie** author and illustrator of *Marielle in Paris* / **Lemony Snicket** author of *The Bad Mood and the Stick* / **Javaka Steptoe** author of *Radiant Child*

Middle grade: **Elana K. Arnold** author of *A Boy Called Bat* / **Jeffrey Brown** author of *Lucy and Andy Neanderthal: The Stone Cold Age* / **Ben Clanton** *Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt (A Narwhal and Jelly Book #2)* / **Matthew Holm** author of *Babymouse: Lights Camera, Middle School!* and *Swing It, Sunny* / **Colin Meloy & Carson Ellis** author and illustrator of *The Whiz Mob and the Grenadine Kid* / **Melissa Savage** author of *Lemons*

Young Adult: **Elana K. Arnold** author of *What Girls Are Made Of* / **P. C. Cast** author of *Sun Warrior* / **Traci Chee** author of *The Speaker* / **Jenny Han** author of *Always and Forever, Lara Jean* / **April Henry** author of *Count All Her Bones* / **Nina LaCour** author of *We Are Okay* / **Fonda Lee** author of *Exo* / **Sandhya Menon** author of *When Dimple Met Rishi* / **Julie Murphy** author of *Ramona Blue* / **Zan Romanoff** author of *Grace and the Fever* / **Erika L. Sánchez** author of *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* / **Emily Suvada** author of *This Mortal Coil* / **Renée Watson** author of *Piecing Me Together*

### **Fiction writers including:**

**Elliot Ackerman** author of *Dark at the Crossing* / **Jess Arndt** author of *Large Animals* / **Jami Attenberg** author of *All Grown Up* / **Julie Buntin** author of *Marlena* / **Jessie Chaffee** author of *Florence in Ecstasy* / **Jeffrey Cranor & Joseph Fink** authors of *It Devours! A Welcome to Night Vale Novel* / **Rene Denfeld** author of *The Child Finder* / **Omar El Akkad** author of *American War* / **Jeffrey Eugenides** author of *Fresh Complaint* / **John Freeman** editor of *Freeman's* and author of *Maps (Poetry)* / **Gabe Habash** author of *Stephen Florida* / **Daniel Handler** author of *All the Dirty Parts* / **Meg Howrey** author of *The Wanderers* / **Rachel Khong** author of *Goodbye, Vitamin* / **Katie Kitamura** author of *A Separation* / **Kate Lebo & Sam Ligon** editors of *Pie & Whiskey* / **Edan Lepucki** author of *Woman No. 17* / **Victor Lodato** author of *Edgar and Lucy* / **Maile Meloy** author of *Do Not Become Alarmed* / **Claire Messud** author of *The Burning Girl* / **Nancy Pearl** author of *George and Lizzie* / **Benjamin Percy** author of *The Dark Net* / **Tom Perrotta** author of *Mrs. Fletcher* / **Jon Raymond** author of *Freebird* / **Emily Robbins** author of *A Word for Love* / **Peter Rock** author of *Spells: A Novel Within Photographs* / **Shanthi Sekaran** author of *Lucky Boy* / **Danzy Senna** author of *New People* / **Doree Shafrir** author of *Startup* / **Amy Stewart** author of *Miss Kopp's Midnight Confessions* / **Hannah Tinti** author of *The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley* / **Deb Olin Unferth** author of *Wait Till You See Me Dance* and *I, Parrot (Graphic Narrative)* / **Dennie Wendt** author of *Hooper's Revolution* / **Kayla Rae Whitaker** author of *The Animators* / **Lidia Yuknavitch** author of *The Book of Joan*

### **Graphic Narrative authors and illustrators including:**

**Gabrielle Bell** author of *Everything Is Flammable* / **Tom Gault** author of *Baking with Kafka* / **Nicole Georges** author of *Fetch* / **Elizabeth Haidle** illustrator of *I, Parrot* / **Kristen Radtke** author of *Imagine Wanting Only This* / **Leslie Stein** author of *Present* / **Oliver Uberti** author of *Where the Animals Go (maps & infographics)* / **Tillie Walden** author of *Spinning*

### **Poets including:**

**Kaveh Akbar** author of *Calling a Wolf a Wolf* / **Bonnie Arning** author of *Escape Velocity* / **Samiya Bashir** author of *Field Theories* / **Dawn Lundy Martin** author of *Good Stock Strange Blood* / **Morgan Parker** author of *There Are More Beautiful Things than Beyoncé* / **Tommy Pico** author of *Nature Poem* / **Erika L. Sánchez** author of *Lessons on Expulsion* / **Nicole Sealey** author of *Ordinary Beast* / **Danez Smith** author of *Don't Call Us Dead* / **Marcus Wicker** author of *Silencer* / **Javier Zamora** author of *Unaccompanied* / **Matthew Zapruder** author of *Why Poetry*

\*All poetry events are generously sponsored by **the Poetry Foundation**

**Nonfiction (Essay, Memoir, History, Cooking, and Politics) writers including:**

**Andrew Barton & Peter Schweitzer** authors of *The Myrtlewood Cookbook* / **David Biespiel** author of *The Education of a Young Poet* / **Kate Carroll de Gutes** author of *The Authenticity Experiment* / **Steven Church** author of *One with the Tiger* / **Ta-Nehisi Coates** author of *We Were Eight Years in Power* / **Liz Crain** co-author of *Hello! My Name Is Tasty* (Cookbook) / **Melissa Febos** author of *Abandon Me* / **Jenny Forrester** author of *Narrow River, Wide Sky* / **Adam Gopnik** author of *At the Stranger's Gate* / **David Grann** author of *Killers of the Flower Moon* / **Chuck Klosterman** author of *Chuck Klosterman X* / **Alia Malek** author of *The Home that Was Our Country* / **Sarah Manguso** author of *300 Arguments* / **Chelsea Martin** author of *Caca Dolce* / **Bonnie Frumkin Morales** author of *Kachka: A Return to Russian Cooking* / **Elena Passarello** author of *Animals Strike Curious Poses* / **Megan Stielstra** author of *The Wrong Way to Save Your Life* / **Ellen Ullman** author of *A Life in Code*

Plus: Portland **student contributors** to *Galaxies on the Ground: 2016–2017 Writers in the Schools Student Anthology* (multiple genres)

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**Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival 2017 Ticketing Basics:**

Literary Arts presents Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival

**Saturday, Nov. 11th, 2017: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

**Portland Art Museum**

and seven additional partner venues in the neighboring blocks; the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, The Old Church, the Oregon Historical Society, the Winningstad Theatre, the Northwest Film Center, the Brunish Theatre, and the First Congregational United Church of Christ

\* **Advance Tickets are \$15 per person** or \$18 at the door.

(Ticket price includes a \$5 “book voucher” redeemable toward any book fair purchase.)

\* Attendees 17 and under or with a valid high school ID receive **FREE** admission.

\* Active members of the military and veterans receive **FREE** admission.

\* **All tickets include** admission to the Portland Art Museum exhibits on November 11

\* For additional information, visit **[literary-arts.org/wordstock](http://literary-arts.org/wordstock)**

\* Stay tuned for the full program schedule and additional special events, which we'll be announcing in early October—including **pop-up** events throughout the Portland Art Museum galleries and **OPB** and **The New York Times** journalists moderating events at the festival. Off-site events will include **Lit Crawl® Portland**, the **Northwest Film Center's “Film to Page”** programming, and two special Wordstock editions of **Live Wire Radio**.

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**To request interviews, images, or review copies by authors taking part in Wordstock 2017 or to interview the festival organizers and official partners,** please contact Alyson Sinclair at [aly@alysonsinclairpr.com](mailto:aly@alysonsinclairpr.com) or 612.201.3867 (cell).

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