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**THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL RETURNS  
TO THE INNER HARBOR SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH 24**

The **Baltimore Book Festival**, Baltimore’s annual celebration of the literary arts returns to the Inner Harbor **Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24, 2017**. Produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts, the Baltimore Book Festival takes place along the Inner Harbor Promenade from **11am to 7pm daily**. This year’s festival features more than 500 presenting authors, programming on 11 stages, more than 90 literary exhibitors, 3,000-plus books available for purchase from The Ivy Bookshop—the festival’s official bookseller for presenting authors—local Maryland food and craft beverage vendors, live music, children’s activities and more. Some of the renowned authors appearing at this year’s festival include radio host, professor and *New York Times* contributing writer **Michael Eric Dyson, *Tears We Cannot Stop***; **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, author of *Purple Hibiscus***, the 2017 One Maryland One Book selection ; **Patricia Altschul** from the BRAVO reality TV show *Southern Charm*; prolific and renowned poet **Eileen Myles, *Afterglow (A Dog Memoir)***; **Ada Calhoun, *Wedding Toasts I’ll Never Give***; **Virginia Hanlon Grohl**—mother of Foo Fighters’ Dave Grohl,—and author of ***From Cradle To Stage: Stories From The Mothers Who Rocked And Raised Rock Stars***; **Alice McDermott, *The Ninth Hour***; **Adam Gidwitz**, winner of the 2017 Newbery Honor Book award for ***The Inquisitor’s Tale***; winner of Fox’s Master Chef Season 7 **Chef Shaun O’Neale, *My Modern American Table*** and more. The full schedule is available on [www.baltimorebookfestival.org](http://www.baltimorebookfestival.org).

In addition to the hundreds of author appearances and book signings, the Baltimore Book Festival features literary exhibitors, authors, and booksellers, readings on multiple stages, cooking demonstrations and samplings by renowned local and national chefs, poetry readings, workshops, panel discussions, children’s activities, live music and a Storybook Parade. The festival’s thoughtfully curated food and craft beverage program includes local offerings from **Black Dirt Farm, Ekiben, El Tenedor de Nacho, Little Italy Sausage, The Local Oyster, Brewers Art, Union Craft Brewing, Zeke’s Coffee** and more. **The**

**Ivy Bookshop** returns once again as the festival's official bookseller featuring appearing author's books on site at the Festival Bookshop.

Highlights on the **Food For Thought Stage** (located at Kaufman Pavilion by Rash Field) include an **Ancient Ales & Extreme Brewing Dogfish Head Happy Hour** Friday evening at 5pm, featuring **Sam Calagione**, founder of Dogfish Head Brewery and author of *Project Extreme Brewing: An Enthusiast's Guide to Extreme Brewing at Home* and, **Dr. Patrick McGovern**, author of *Ancient Brews: Rediscovered and Recreated*. Early release samples of Dogfish Head's new beer, Puddin' will also be a highlight. On Saturday at 1pm, **Laura Lippman, Ann Hood** and **Michael Ruhlman** discuss the way fiction informs food and food informs fiction, both in their own work and the works of others. At 4pm, the National Aquarium presents writer, chef and sustainability advocate **Barton Seaver** and the National Aquarium's Director of Seafood **Tj Tate** for a conversation about the heritage, culture and future of seafood, with samples of Poached Clam Salad. On Sunday at 1pm, **Chitra Agrawal**, author of *Vibrant India: Fresh Vegetarian Recipes from Bangalore to Brooklyn* shares her family's vegetarian recipes from India with a slant on seasonality and local ingredients. Award-winning chef **Joan Nathan, King Solomon's Table: A Culinary Exploration of Jewish Cooking From Around the World** closes out the festival on Sunday. In addition, the Food for Thought Stage offers cooking demonstrations, samples and cookbook author appearances all weekend long.

Children and families can enjoy a full schedule of national and local children's authors on the **Enoch Pratt Free Library Children's Stage** (Bicentennial Plaza, next to the Baltimore Visitor Center), including 2017 Caldecott Winner, **Javaka Steptoe**, author of *Radiant Child* and **Adam Gidwitz**, winner of the 2017 Newbery Honor Book award for *The Inquisitor's Tale*. On Saturday, 9/23, at 11am, everyone, including pets, are welcome to join in the **Storybook Parade**, where storybook characters will parade along Inner Harbor Promenade, starting at Rash Field. At the **Children's Corridor** (on the Inner Harbor Promenade by Rash Field) children and their families can enjoy fun hands on crafts and activities. Next to the Children's Corridor, **The Story Share** creates a cozy environment for all book lovers looking to dig into their new favorite books! This special reading space features Goodnight Moonlight Nightlight (a reading space), an illuminated sculpture and installation by Baltimore artist Stewart Watson. Festival-goers are invited to leave an old favorite behind and take a new book home to enjoy!

In addition to the full schedule of literary programming, the **Music Stage supported by WTMD** at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater provides festival-goers with live music throughout the weekend featuring local favorites like **Ebb & Nova, Ama Chandra, J Pope & The HearNow, The Curators of Hip Hop, Alexis Joyce, Super Bueno** and more.

The complete schedule for every stage is available on [www.baltimorebookfestival.org](http://www.baltimorebookfestival.org). The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Baltimore Book Festival is produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts. In 2017, the Baltimore Book Festival features 12 fully-programmed venues:

### **Literary Salon**

Nationally recognized headlining authors from across the publishing spectrum visit the Literary Salon for readings and audience Q&As. This year the Literary Salon presents Michael Eric Dyson, author of *Tears We Cannot Stop* and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, author of the Maryland Humanities Council's 2017 One Maryland One Book selection, *Purple Hibiscus* among others.

### **Tablers Pavilion**

The Baltimore Book Festival's independent publishing marketplace featuring local and regional small presses, published and self-published authors, non-profits, literary arts organizations, and 'zines.

### **Charm City Comic Pavilion**

Curated by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts, Third Eye Comics, and Artway Alliance, the Charm City Comic Pavilion is a place for new and old fans alike to enter (or re-enter) the medium of comics and sequential art!

### **CityLit Stage**

Featuring a blend of emerging voices and established authors from around the region, presentations from the area's best ongoing reading series and a showcase for artists associated with Baltimore's literary journals and writing programs.

### **Enoch Pratt Free Library's Children's Stage**

Programming includes author presentations, Q&As, live performances, engaging and interactive activities for children and young adults and much more. Red Canoe Bookstore Café is proud to be the official bookseller for the Enoch Pratt Free Library's Children's Stage again this year!

### **Food for Thought Stage**

Culinary arts and crafts are featured on The Food for Thought stage offering festival-goers a chance to learn and sample delicious recipes prepared by celebrity chefs and cookbook authors. All recipes and samples will be prepared using groceries and supplies sourced from the award-winning Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar, produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts.

### **Inner Harbor Stage presented by Towson University**

Hosting a diverse array of award-winning authors, thoughtful panel discussions and voices from regional literary publications, the Inner Harbor Stage brings authors and book lovers together in an intimate setting, inside the Baltimore Visitor Center.

### **The Ivy Bookshop Stage**

The festival's official bookseller, The Ivy Bookshop offers a full complement of local and national bestselling authors. Along with readings, programming includes MFA writing workshops coordinated in partnership with Baltimore's colleges and the Pen Faulkner Foundation.

### **Maryland Romance Writers' Stage**

Promoting excellence in romantic fiction and, the bestselling commercial fiction, Maryland Romance Writers offer three days of craft discussions, author readings and hands-on how-to advice from some of the top authors in romantic fiction.

### **Red Emma's Radical Books Pavilion**

Presented by Red Emma's Bookstore Coffeehouse, the Radical Books Pavilion is home to diverse books and authors with alternative and cutting edge voices from a wide range of backgrounds and viewpoints.

### **Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America Stage**

At the Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America Stage, readers learn about the latest in science fiction and fantasy genres, and what authors have to offer in those exciting genres.

### **Music Stage supported by WTMD**

Local and regional bands perform live music throughout the festival weekend along with other special performances.

For a first look at presenting authors and news, readers can follow the Baltimore Book Festival [on Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) or by visiting [www.baltimorebookfestival.org](http://www.baltimorebookfestival.org) or calling 410-752-8632. During the festival, attendees are also encouraged to interact with authors via social media using the hashtag #BmoreBookFest.

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