



TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL CELEBRATES LITERARY PROGRAMMING WITH LIT CRAWL AUSTIN

Annual Night of Literary Mayhem to Expand with New Venues, Shows, and Participating Organizations on November 4

AUSTIN, Texas (Oct. 25, 2017) – The annual Lit Crawl Austin returns to the Texas Book Festival in East Austin on Saturday, November 4, starting at 6:30 p.m. The literary pub-crawl, co-hosted by Texas Book Festival and the Litquake Foundation, features some of the country's best writers onstage at various East Cesar Chavez venues, including neighborhood bars, a cyclery, and a coffee shop, in a series of offbeat readings, literary games, all-ages storytelling sessions, and performances. Appearances include Dan Chaon, Eileen Myles, Kristen Radtke, Tillie Walden, and more.

Inspired by San Francisco's long-running Lit Crawl and produced with their participation, the 2017 Lit Crawl Austin will take place at The North Door, Fast Folks, Flat Track Coffee, Weather Up, Stay Gold, and Resistencia Books.

Highlights include an epic round of Literary Death Match featuring authors Melissa Febos, Ladee Hubbard, Simeon Marsalis, and Rakesh Satyal, a poetic demonstration against police violence featuring poets Amanda Johnston and Mahogany Brown, a mini Pun-Off with authors, noir readings with crime fiction authors, and Lit Crawl Against Humanity.

The full schedule, including detailed times and descriptions, can be found at www.texasbookfestival.org/lit-crawl/. Lit Crawl Austin is a project of the Texas Book Festival and the Litquake Foundation. Affiliated Lit Crawl events take place in San Francisco, Brooklyn, Miami, Austin, Los Angeles, Iowa City, Seattle, London, and Helsinki.

The 2017 Texas Book Festival is co-presented by H-E-B and AT&T. Other major sponsors include *Kirkus Reviews*, Brigid Cockrum and Family, Tocker Foundation, Buena Vista Foundation, C-SPAN 2/Book TV, St. David's HealthCare, Texas Capital Bank, *Texas Monthly*, *Austin American-Statesman*, and Pentagram.

The complete schedule for the 2017 Texas Book Festival, taking place November 4 and 5, is available at www.texasbookfestival.org.

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ABOUT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

The Texas Book Festival connects authors and readers through experiences that celebrate the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. Founded in 1995 by former First Lady Laura Bush, Mary Margaret Farabee, and a group of volunteers, the nonprofit Texas Book Festival promotes the joys of reading and writing through its annual Festival Weekend, the one-day Texas Teen Book Festival, the Reading Rock Stars program, grants to Texas libraries, Fresh Ink Fiction Contest, and year-round literary programming. The Festival is held on the grounds of the Texas Capitol each fall and features more than 275 renowned authors, panels, book signings, live music, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2017 Texas Book Festival Weekend will take place on November 4 and 5. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and 1,000 volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Visit www.texasbookfestival.org for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest.