



TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL CELEBRATES LITERARY PROGRAMMING WITH LIT CRAWL AUSTIN

Annual Night of Irreverent Literary Programming to Feature Performances, Games, Trivia Matches, and Storytelling Sessions on October 27

AUSTIN, Texas (October 17, 2018) – The annual Lit Crawl Austin returns to the Texas Book Festival in East Austin on Saturday, October 27, starting at 7:00 p.m. The literary pub crawl, co-hosted by Texas Book Festival and the Litquake Foundation, features some of the country's best writers on stage at various East Cesar Chavez and East Side venues, including neighborhood bars, a boozy ice cream shop, and a design studio and gallery, in a series of offbeat readings, literary games, storytelling sessions, and performances.

Inspired by San Francisco's long-running Lit Crawl and produced with their participation, the 2018 Lit Crawl Austin will take place at The North Door, Prohibition Creamery, Gelateria Gemelli, Brew & Brew, Lewis Carnegie, and Stay Gold.

Highlights include an epic round of Literary Death Match, featuring authors **Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah**, **Alexander Chee**, **Tarfia Faizullah**, and **Aja Gabel**; Black Poets Speak Out, led by **Amanda Johnston** and featuring **Shayla Lawson** and **Anastacia-Renée**; poetry and readings structured by chance in *Gulf Coast's* Reading Roulette, noir readings with crime fiction authors at Noir at the Bar, and Lit Crawl Against Humanity with Awst Press.

The full schedule, including detailed times and descriptions, can be found at www.texasbookfestival.org/lit-crawl-austin. Events are free and open to the public. A suggested donation of \$10 will be taken at North Door. 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, Los Angeles, Iowa City, Seattle, London, and Helsinki.

The 2018 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, Central Market, *Texas Monthly*, *Austin American-Statesman*, and Pentagram.

The complete schedule for the 2018 Texas Book Festival, taking place October 27 and 28, is available at www.texasbookfestival.org.

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ABOUT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

With a vision to inspire Texans of all ages to love reading, 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, the 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 250 renowned authors, panels, book signings, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2018 Texas Book Festival Weekend will take place October 27 – 28. 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.