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Grand Park Downtown BookFest – Saturday, 3/29

Chiwan Choi · Wednesday, March 26th, 2014

We are here! [The 2nd Annual Grand Park Downtown BookFest](#) has finally arrived. This Saturday, March 29th, between noon and 5pm, we will be celebrating another beautiful day in LA (Yes, it's going to be a beautiful day. Doing beautiful weather dance right now...), and more importantly, we will be celebrating [the literary heart of our city](#): the vast array of writers and publishers that call Los Angeles their home.

Please take a look at the line-up below and you will realize how silly it would be to miss this event. Very silly. See you there!



NOON: BIRDIE'S PLAYHOUSE

Music with a Latin twist that gets kids to shake their tail feathers!

1PM: STORY PIRATES

A one-of-a-kind sketch comedy musical based entirely on stories by children, including those written by Grand Park kids.

2PM: YA AUTHORS & YOUNG ADULT WRITERS

Four respected YA authors share the stage with young adult writers from 826LA and Get Lit!

[Cecil Castellucci](#)

Lissa Price

Sherri L. Smith

Sonya Sone

with

[826LA](#) (Ivette Paz, Ivan Paz, and Alfonso Santos)

[Get Lit!](#) (names to be announced)

3PM: READ BEATS

Four writers reading LA-centric works as a jazz trio improvises to their work.

Steve Abee
 Gia Scott-Heron
 Billy Burgos
 Jessica Ceballos

with

Emile Porée on guitar
 Aaron McLendon on drums
 &
 Isaias Elpes on bass

4PM: LAMENT IN THE NIGHT

A crime/mystery/noir writers of color set inspired by the groundbreaking LA novella, *Lament in the Night*, originally published in the 1920s in LA's own Little Tokyo.

Naomi Hirahara
 Desiree Zamarano
 Rachel Howzell Hall
 Steph Cha
 Gary Phillips
 Ruben Rodriguez

Throughtout the day:

Poesia Para la Gente

A traveling group of poets who have been popping up and engaging with the public in the most unexpected places—grocery store, a day labor area at Home Depot, subway trains—sharing original poems. They will be spread out all over the park, writing poetry on demand using unique materials. The poets are:

Vickie Vertiz, Kenji Liu, Jessica Wilson Cardenas, Juan Cardenas, Yago S. Cura, Brandon Brown, Peggy Dobreer, Iris De Anda, Wendy C. Ortiz, Billy Burgos, Khadija Anderson, Dane Baylis, Amanda Yates Garcia, Gloria Enedina Alvarez, Victor Avila, Bill Friday, Nikita Egar, Rebecca Gonzales, Corrie Greathouse, Xitlalic Guijosa-Osuna, June Kim, Mia Kim, Karineh Mahdessian, Crystal “Little Bird” Salas, Fernando Salinas, Elena Secota, Matt Sedillo, Kelly Grace Thomas, Daniel Austin Warren, Conney Williams, Steve Abee, Jessica Ceballos

PUBLISH! YOU CAN TOO

The underground writing/publishing project that Writ Large Press has been traveling [all over the country](#)! There will be typewriters. Materials. Book designers (Yumi!). All ready for you to come out and write, edit, publish, and launch your very own book!

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The pop-up shop featuring some of the best of LA publishers.

Les Figs Press
 What Books
 Kaya Press
 Writ Large Press
 Gatsby Books
 Seite Books
 Razorcake/Gorsky Books
 Zero+ Publishing
 Bank Heavy Press
 Red Hen Press
 RE)VERB
 ANTENNA
 DUM DUM Zine
 ZOCHI
 Tía Chucha Press
 Siglio Press
 Rare Bird Lit
 Bombshelter Press
 The Rattling Wall
 Spout Hill Press
 Orange Monkey
 Boss Fight Books
 Electric Travel Books
 RCC MUSE
 Seismicity Books
 ICI Press
 Giant Robot
 Brooklyn & Boyle
 LA Electric Travel

There will also be booths from LA Zine Fest, CAAM, Red Hen Press, Shakespeare Center LA, LA Public Library, and MORE!

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

*Featured image from **Brian Wonders**, an illustrated book by DTLA writer/artist **Victor Robert**. Book will be available at the BookFest!*

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