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**SAVE THE DATE**

**THE BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL RETURNS SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2018**

*A.J. Jacobs, April Ryan, Bill Whitaker, Jonathan Abrams, Carol Anderson, D. Watkins, Nic Stone, Tim Junkin, Wayétu Moore and dozens more authors scheduled to appear*

The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) announces the return of the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual **Baltimore Book Festival** to Baltimore's Inner Harbor on **Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30, 2018**. The literary arts celebration takes place along the Inner Harbor Promenade from the Inner Harbor Amphitheater to Rash Field from **11am to 7pm daily**. Admission is 100% free and open to the public.

Acclaimed local, regional and national authors appearing at the 2018 festival include award-winning journalist **Jonathan Abrams**, *All the Pieces Matter: The Inside Story of The Wire*; National Book Critics Circle Award winner and best-selling author **Carol Anderson**, *One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression is Destroying Our Democracy*; **David Blight**, *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*; **Jack Gilden**, *Collision of Wills: Johnny Unitas, Don Shula, and the Rise of the Modern NFL*, in conversation with author and former sportswriter **John Eisenberg**; author of four *New York Times* bestsellers **A.J. Jacobs**, *It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree*; 2018 One Maryland One Book author **Tim Junkin**, *Bloodsworth: The True Story of the First Death Row Inmate Exonerated by DNA Evidence*; White House Correspondent **April Ryan**, *Under Fire: Reporting from the Front Lines of the Trump White House*, in conversation with "60 Minutes" correspondent **Bill Whitaker**; cookbook author and chef **John Shields**, *The New Chesapeake Kitchen*; **Nic Stone**, *Dear Martin*; **Earl Swift**, *Chesapeake Requiem: A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island*; author and commentator **D. Watkins**, *The Cook Up: A Crack Rock Memoir*, emceeding a conversation with up-and-coming writers; and author and public radio host **Marion Winik**, *The Baltimore Book of the Dead*.

The annual Baltimore Book Festival features hundreds of author appearances and book signings, more than 100 exhibitors and booksellers, readings on multiple stages, cooking demonstrations and samplings, poetry readings, workshops, panel discussions, storytellers, children's activities, live music and local food and craft beverage. **The Ivy Bookshop** returns as the festival's official bookseller and lead curator, and will sell copies of appearing author's books on-site at the festival's bookshop.

Other appearing authors include National Readers' Choice Award winner **Lori Ann Bailey**, *Highland Temptation*; contemporary romance author **Christi Barth**, *Got it Bad*; best-selling author **Robin Covington**, *Never Love a Thief*; RWA RITA for Best First Book winner **Pintip Dunn**, *Star-Crossed*; Well-Read Black Girl Founder **Glory Edim**, *Well-Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories, Discovering Ourselves*; **DaMaris Hill**, *A Bound Woman Is a Dangerous Thing: The Incarceration of African-American Women from Harriet Tubman to Sandra Bland*; One Moore Book Founder **Wayétu Moore**, *She Would Be King*; fantasy and paranormal romance author **L. Penelope**, *Song of Blood and Stone*; and *Los Angeles Times* Book Prizes winner and author of eight poetry books **Patricia Smith**, *Incendiary Art: Poems* (Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award).

The 2018 festival venues include Tablers Tent, Charm City Comic Pavilion, CityLit Stage, Enoch Pratt Free Library's Children's Stage with Red Canoe Café selling books, Food for Thought Stage, Inner Harbor Stage, Ivy Bookshop Stage, Literary Salon, Maryland Romance Writers' Stage, Red Emma's Radical Books Pavilion, Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America Stage, and the Baltimore Book Festival Music Stage.

Additional authors and the complete schedule are announced leading up to the festival. The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Baltimore Book Festival is produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts and made possible through the support of Green Mountain Energy, PNC Bank, Comcast-Xfinity, Lasik Vision Institute, Hard Rock Café, Too Far Media, Atapco, Jai Medical Center, Abell Foundation, Nora Roberts Foundation, and Caplan Family Foundation.

For more information on the **Baltimore Book Festival**, call 410-752-8632 or visit [www.baltimorebookfestival.org](http://www.baltimorebookfestival.org). Stay connected via social by following Baltimore Book Festival on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) using the hashtag #BmoreBookFest.

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*and support to artists, arts programs and organizations across the city, BOPA's goal is to make Baltimore a more vibrant and creative city.*

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