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JUST ANNOUNCED
BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL AND LIGHT CITY UNITE TO CREATE
A ONE-OF-A-KIND INTERNATIONAL EVENT
NOVEMBER 1-10, 2019

BALTIMORE, MD – Illuminating Baltimore with literature and ideas during the day and a world-class light art and performances at night, the **Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA)** announces that it is uniting two of its marquee events: **Baltimore Book Festival** and **Light City**. The two events come together as one spectacular festival from **Friday, November 1-Sunday, November 10, 2019** to create ten days of a one-of-a-kind international event at Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.

“Uniting the Baltimore Book Festival and Light City provides benefits artistically, operationally and financially for BOPA and the City of Baltimore while meeting our mission to use the arts, in all forms, to create a more vibrant city. At the same time we provide an illuminating extended experience for residents and visitors—truly a win-win for everyone,” said Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts Chief Executive Officer Donna Drew Sawyer.

The festivals move to November in conjunction with the end of daylight savings time to provide visitors with a greater opportunity to view the light art installations earlier in the evening and to engage more authors as most new books are being released in mid-autumn by publishers.

The Baltimore Book Festival, a celebration of the literary arts, features author appearances and book signings, exhibitors and bookseller tents, readings on multiple stages, children’s activities and cooking demonstrations. Light City, a festival of light, music and innovation, features BGE Light Art Walk at its center with awe-inspiring light art installations, performances, concerts, a fun-filled family zone and more. By uniting with Light City, the 24th annual Baltimore Book Festival will be the conference portion of the event addressing contemporary, innovative and historical issues through conversations, Q&A sessions, panel

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discussions and workshops.

In the coming months, the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts will be announcing the details of the united festivals including speakers and performers. Information sessions for residents to contribute ideas and discover how to participate will take place in January, February and March. Applications for performing artists, food vendors, booksellers, exhibitors, and presenting authors open Wednesday, January 9, 2019 for all of BOPA's 2019 festivals – Artscape, Light City and the Baltimore Book Festival.

For more information, visit www.promotionandarts.org or follow the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization which serves as Baltimore City's arts council, events center and film office. By producing large-scale events such as Light City, Artscape and the Baltimore Book Festival, and providing funding 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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