



2nd Annual Cleveland Drafts Literary Festival Highlights Larchmere Neighborhood

PRESS RELEASE

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Works in Progress. Writers in Progress. Community in Progress.

Join us Saturday, October 12th, as Cleveland Drafts invades the Larchmere neighborhood for an afternoon celebration of words, writers, and community. This unique literary crawl features local writers working in fiction, poetry, nonfiction and playwriting at every stage of their careers.

The 2019 festival is a mashup of 8 lively events across 7 local venues featuring 32 amazing writers from across Northeast Ohio. We'll kick off the festivities at 1 pm with a panel discussion at Loganberry Books and finish with an after-party at Larchmere Tavern. Along the way audiences will enjoy readings at Larchmere Fireworks, Wolf's Gallery, Larchmere Arts, Academy Tavern, Shaker Auto Body and Larchmere Tavern.

The event is Free and open to the public! You can pre-register at Eventbrite <https://clevelanddrafts.eventbrite.com>. See our website <https://www.clevelanddrafts.com> for full schedule and program details.

Cleveland Drafts is insanely important to any writers or fans of writing," says 2018 festival reader and attendee Angelo Maneage. "This is the place that scoops Cleveland together and provides opportunity to throw your business card around after a few craft beer, then talk about that "crazy line break like, right after 'water', it was like I was there like, the water was surrounding me, floating. The water had gotten in my ears."

About the 2019 Festival Writers

Cleveland Drafts 2019 will feature a whole new lineup of local writers. Visiting writer Noam Dorr will read at the kickoff event, followed by a panel discussion hosted by Noelle Celeste. Panelists Daniel Gray-Kontar, Noor Hindi, Christine Howey, Zachary Thomas and Catherine Wing will discuss **"What Writers Offer, What Writers Need."**

We are pleased to present an exciting lineup of featured writers from across Northeast Ohio! Come hear the literary stylings of Kelley Bancroft, Lucy Biederman, Leila Chatti, Hannah Christopher, Tracy Cross, J. David, Kisha Nicole Foster, Siaara Freeman, Kai Gyorki, Cris Harris, Quarte Harris, Geramee Hensley, Isaiah Hunt, Christopher Johnston, Rebekah Kane, Kevin Latimer, Maggie Messitt, Larisse Mondok, Robin Schaer, Karen Schubert, Amy Schwabauer, Anna Sintsirmas, & Anthony Tognazzini.

The 2019 Festival Partners

The Cleveland Drafts Literary Festival is a collaboration with Barnhouse Journal, Belt Publishing, Brews + Prose, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland State University Poetry Center, Gordon Square Review, Lake Erie Ink, Literary Cleveland, Loganberry Books, NEOMFA, Manhattan Project Theater Lab, Purpled Palm Press, and Twelve Literary Arts. Our festival is made possible through the generosity of the Ohio Arts Council, our fiscal sponsor Arts Cleveland, and private donations.

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About Cleveland Drafts

Mission Statement: Cleveland Drafts celebrates the creative process, fosters imagination, and nurtures a strong literary community in Northeast Ohio by connecting writers, literary organizations, and audiences.

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