

Closing Reception & Dance Party! with performance by October Babies 6pm | River Gallery



Toko Shiiki-Santos, Erik Santos, Ben Lorenz, Dale King and Mike Ouellette are October Babies, an upbeat global soul band from Ypsilanti. October Babies have a bright and energetic spirit which excites their American audiences, even though their lyrics are mainly in Japanese.

Their songs are a hybrid of many genres : funk, jazz, R&B, reggae/ska/dub, techno, latin, drum&bass, rock, surfpunk, hip hop, downtempo, orchestra pop, and blues, to name a few.

In addition to their original songs, the band also covers a number of tunes by Japanese artists, and the American and European tunes they cover are often translated and sung in Japanese.

3rd Annual MIDWEST LITERARY WALK

Saturday, April 16 | Downtown Chelsea | All Are Welcome

“Short Hops to
Author Stops”

Closing reception and dance party
with performance by October Babies
at 6pm!

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12pm | First Drop | Chelsea District Library

Laura Kasischke



The critically-acclaimed novelist and poet has penned eight volumes of poetry and seven novels. Winner of numerous awards, Laura has been the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. Two of Laura's novels have spawned major motion pictures. Laura's latest novel *The Raising* was published this year along with a new collection of poems, *Space, In Chains*.

Keith Taylor



Poet and writer Keith Taylor coordinates the undergraduate program in creative writing at the University of Michigan and directs the Bear River Writer's Conference. His next collection of poems, *Marginalia for a Natural History*, will be published in 2011 along with *Ghost Writers*, a collection of ghost stories co-edited with Laura Kasischke.

1pm | Belly Flop | The River Gallery

Jeff Kass



Jeff Kass teaches creative writing at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor and at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and is Literary Arts Director at The Neutral Zone (Ann Arbor's teen center). He is the author of the chapbook poetry collection *Invisible Staircase*, the essay collection *From the Front of the Room* about teaching, and the short story collection *Knuckleheads* from Dzanc Books.

Scott Beal



Scott Beal's poems have appeared recently in *Indiana Review*, *Dunes Review*, *The Legendary*, and with Rachel McKibbens and Aracelis Girmay in *Jangle the Threads*. He earned his MFA in 1996 from the University of Michigan. Scott teaches poetry and fiction at The Neutral Zone and 826michigan, and serves as Dzanc Writer-in-Residence at Ann Arbor Open School.

2pm | Be-Bop | Zou Zou's Cafe
Lunch Break & Live Music with The Shelter Dogs

3pm | 4th Stop | Just Imagine Bookstore

Bonnie Jo Campbell



Bonnie Jo Campbell is the author of the novel *Once Upon a River*. She was a 2009 National Book Award finalist and a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist for her collection of stories, *American Salvage*. Campbell is also author of the novel *Q Road* and the story collection *Women & Other Animals*.

Zilka Joseph



Zilka Joseph is Program Manager for South Asian Studies at the University of Michigan. Her poetry won a Hopwood award and a Pushcart nomination. Her chapbook, *Lands I Live In*, was nominated for a PEN America: Beyond Margins Award. She teaches in Ann Arbor and in Kolkata, India and has been widely published in journals. Her chapbook *What Dread* is forthcoming this summer.

4pm | Over the Top | Just Imagine Bookstore Community Open Mic

Local poets and authors are invited to read their own work at the Open Mic part of the program. Open Mic readers can sign up the day of the event; readers will be limited to three minutes per reading.

5pm | Final Pop | The River Gallery Followed by a Dance Party with October Babies at 6pm ML Liebler



ML Liebler is an internationally known and widely published Detroit poet, university professor, literary arts activist and arts organizer. He is the author of 13 books including the award winning *Wide Awake in Someone Else's Dream*. Liebler has taught English, American studies, labor studies, Canadian studies and world literature at Wayne State University in Detroit since 1980.

Bonnie Rose Marcus



Bonnie Rose Marcus, poet, theatre artist and Director of the Readings/Workshops Program at Poets & Writers, has presented her work at venues including ABC NO RIO, Cornelia Street Café and Playwrights Horizon. Her work has been published in *Salon*, *Brooklyn* and *Miss Fit's Free Press*. A hospice volunteer, she facilitates meditation classes and completed a book of poems inspired by her hospice work.