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MIDWEST LITERARY WALK

CHELSEA, MI

SATURDAY
APRIL 22, 2023
1-5 PM

Meet
Nationally
Acclaimed
Authors:
Tyehimba Jess
Kristin Hersh
Jamie Ford



2023 LINEUP | SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Tyehimba Jess

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poet

1:00 PM

Main Street Church
320 N. Main St.

Kristin Hersh

Nationally Recognized Author

2:30 PM

Chelsea First
Congregational Church
121 E. Middle St.

Jamie Ford

New York Times
Best-Selling Author

4:00 PM

Chelsea First United
Methodist Church
128 Park St.

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Event Venues

- A** Main Street Church
320 N. Main St.
- B** Chelsea First
Congregational Church
121 E. Middle St.
- C** Chelsea First United
Methodist Church
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JOIN US FROM 5:30-7 PM
FOR THE AFTER GLOW

Ugly Dog Distillery
Live music and food truck!

Shop/Eat Local

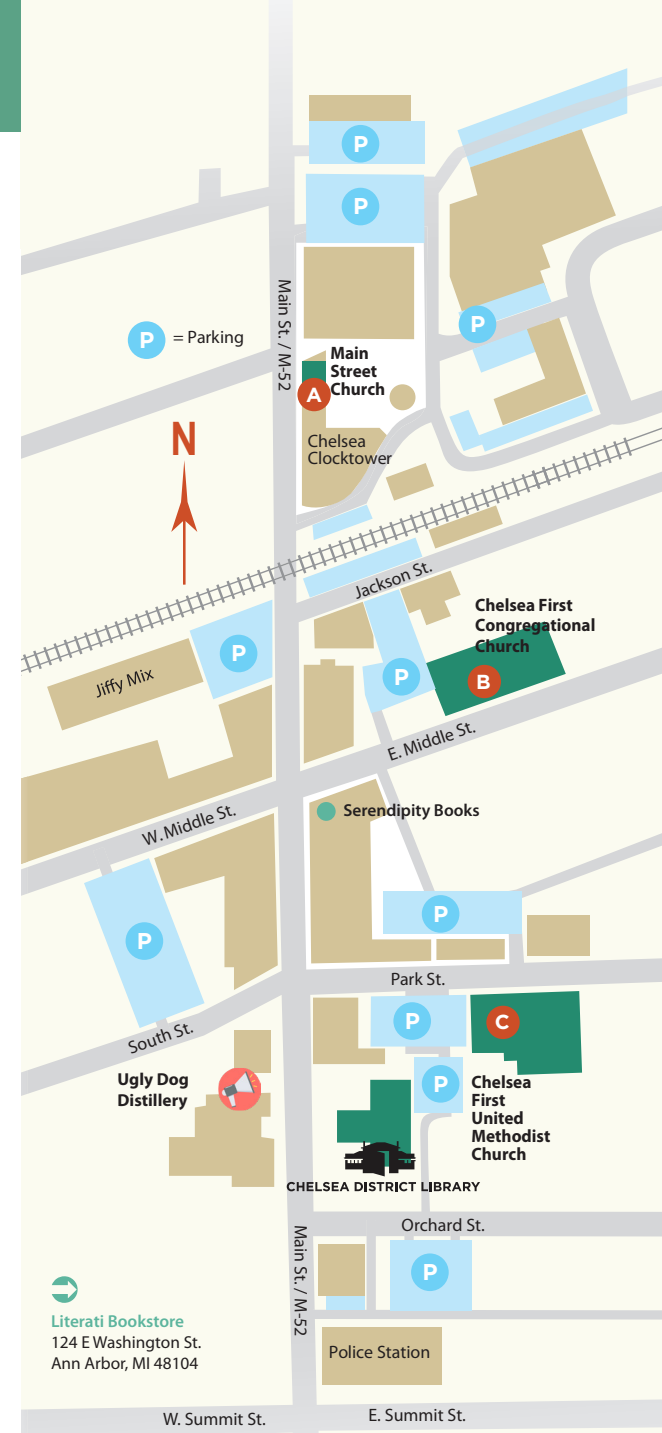
After the Walk, gather and shop at local businesses in Chelsea. For wonderfully unique food and drink, visit one of our great area restaurants or cafes.

Midwest Literary Walk is thrilled to again partner with Literati Bookstore and Serendipity Books as the official on-site booksellers for the event.



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MEET THE AUTHORS:



“The content of this book really is a remarkable one... he’s written these poems as history in a variety of voices, in a chorus.” – Tess Taylor, *All Things Considered* on NPR

TYEHIMBA JESS

1:00 PM | Main Street Church | 320 N. Main St.

Tye Himba Jess was born in Detroit and is a Cave Canem and NYU Alumni, received a 2004 Literature Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, and was a 2004–2005 Winter Fellow at the Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center. He presented his poetry at the 2011 TedX Nashville Conference and won a 2016 Lannan Literary Award in Poetry. He received a Guggenheim fellowship in 2018. Jess is a Professor of English at College of Staten Island and the author of two books of poetry, *Leadbelly* and *Olio*. *Olio* won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, The Midland Society Author’s Award in Poetry, and received an Outstanding Contribution to Publishing Citation from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association. It was also nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award, the PEN Jean Stein Book Award, and the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. *Leadbelly* was a winner of the 2004 National Poetry Series. *The Library Journal* and *Black Issues Book Review* both named it one of the “Best Poetry Books of 2005.”

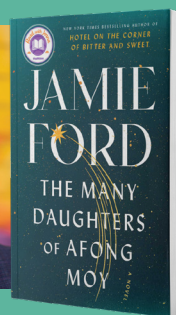


“*Seeing Sideways* is written in an elliptical, poetic style that makes it easy for readers to become caught up in her stories...” – *The Arts Fuse*

KRISTIN HERSH

2:30 PM | Chelsea First Congregational Church
121 E. Middle St.

Nationally recognized author **Kristin Hersh** has had a storied career as a solo artist and a member of bands Throwing Muses and 50FOOTWAVE. Her breakthrough memoir, *Rat Girl*, chronicles her time with the alt-rock group Throwing Muses as well as her manic depression diagnosis, and the birth of her first born child. Named number 8 in *Rolling Stone's* list of 25 Greatest Rock Memoirs of All Time, *Rat Girl* delves into Hersh’s songwriting process, her musical inspirations, and Throwing Muses rise to fame. In 2021, she released a new memoir called *Seeing Sideways*. In this latest book, Hersh focuses on her family, the highs and lows of raising children, as well as the struggles of working in the music industry. In addition to her memoirs, she has published some of her albums in book form. *Wyatt at the Coyote Palace*, *Paradise/Purgatory*, and *Crooked* see essays and lyrics printed to accompany the eponymous albums, offering greater insight into the music.



“Jamie Ford’s writing is seductive as he intertwines the lives of Dorothy, Annabel and their ancestors within a rich swirl of history and imagination.”
– *Bookpage* (starred review)

JAMIE FORD

4:00 PM | Chelsea First United
Methodist Church | 128 Park St.

Jamie Ford is the great grandson of Nevada mining pioneer Min Chung, who emigrated from Hoiping, China, to San Francisco in 1865, where he adopted the western name “Ford,” thus confusing countless generations. Jamie’s debut novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, spent two and a half years on the *New York Times* bestseller list and won the 2010 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature. It was also named the #1 Book Club pick in 2010 by the American Bookseller Association and is now read widely in schools all across the country. This multi-cultural tale was adapted by Book-It Repertory Theatre, and has been optioned for a stage musical in NYC, and for film, with George Takei serving as Executive Producer. Other novels include *Songs of Willow Frost* (2013) and *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* (2017). His latest novel, *The Many Daughters of Afong Moy*, was named #1 IndieNext list pick for August 2022. He currently lives in Montana with his wife, a one-eyed pug, and his imaginary friends.

