



BALTIMORE'S  
22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
**city  
lit  
fest  
ival**

CityLit Project in partnership  
with Lord Baltimore Hotel  
and Red Emma's present

OUR stories  
give  
**LIGHT**  
TO OUR future

Stargazer (Theo), LaToya M. Hobbs, 2022, Woodcut.  
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Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL  
20 W Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201




LITERARY MARKETPLACE  
Over 65 vendors and an Open Mic


skill building

- **One-on-One 30-Minute Editorial Critique Sessions** (\$10) *NEW - First Come, First Served*
- **Writing For Your Life** - A Poetry Workshop with Seniors
- **DAN FESPERMAN - Less is More: Building suspense from the get-go by withholding and writing 'small.'** (\$10) Masterclass - Registration required. Visit [citylitproject.org](http://citylitproject.org).
- **The Publishing SEEN** 90-minute craft intensive
- **Making a Life as an Artist: Writers as Entrepreneurs** 90-minute craft intensive

luminary lit talk

- **God, I'm Here: BERNICE L. MCFADDEN,**  *Firstborn Girls*
- **What My Father and I Don't Talk About: MICHELE FILGATE**

readers reap

- **The Weekly Reader Live!** 
- **When They See Us: Reckoning With History**
- **The Literary Life of AI: Output Through the Years**

unlawful acts – fortifying the future

- **The 'State' of Baltimore: Arts as a Cultural Force**
- **We Are More Than One Story**
- **Voices From the Palestinian Diaspora**
- **Tipping Point: Climate. Crisis. Critical.**
- **Trans Authors Speak UP: Between Your Ears: The Power of BEing Seen**
- **Writing Between Worlds: Misplacement, Memory, and Meaning**

literary limelight

- **Showcasing BAKER Literary Finalists** 

Friday, April 25, 2025

BALTIMORE UNITY HALL  
1505 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, MD 21217



**a good time for the truth:  
DewMore Baltimore Youth Poetry Summit**

10:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Youth Poetry Summit

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Youth Poetry Slam Competition  
*Open to the public*  
Featured Poet: **RUDY FRANCISCO**

RED EMMA'S  
13128 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218



**We Who Do Words: CityLit Festival Poetry Finale**

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Musical Guest: **WIFTY BANGURA**  
Featured Poets: **DOMINIQUE CHRISTINA, ERICA DAWSON, MICHAEL B. TAGER, SYLVIA JONES, AILISH HOPPER**  
Mistress of Ceremonies: **TRACY DIMOND**

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**Rest in Power** – Nikki Giovanni (June 7, 1943 - December 9, 2024)



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