

TORCH LITERARY ARTS

A GATHERING OF FLAMES

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS
OF TORCH LITERARY ARTS

SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

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Torch Literary Arts

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 2026

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Torch Literary Arts

LEGACY AWARD

for

LITERARY EXCELLENCE



SHARON BRIDGFORTH

Torch Literary Arts

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RACHEL ELIZA GRIFFITHS

Torch Literary Arts

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PATRICIA SMITH

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CRYSTAL WILKINSON

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WRITING SESSIONS



Ariana Brown

One Sentence Poems



Anastacia-Reneé

*Girl Bye: Strategies That Shift
the Systemic Paradigm of
"Writer's Block"*



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9:15 AM



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***WRITING OUTSIDE THE LINES:
CREATING AGAINST THE STATUS QUO***



Ariana Brown

Author of
We Are Owed.



Anastacia-Reneé

Author of
*Here in the (Middle)
of Nowhere*



Sequoia Maner

Author of
Little Girl Blue
Moderator



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11:00 AM



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*RIFF & WAVE & BLOOD:
CONJURING THE LINE*



Sharon Bridgorth

Playwright, Author of
Before You Go:
An Offering



Florinda Bryant

Actor, Playwright
Black Do Crack



Amanda Johnston

Founder/ED
Torch Literary Arts
Moderator



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***CATCHING FIRE:
STORYTELLING ACROSS GENRES***



Rachel Eliza Griffiths

Author of
The Flower Bearers



Crystal Wilkinson

Author of
*Praisesong for the
Kitchen Ghosts*



Dalia Azim

Author of
Country of Origin
Moderator



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***A KIND OF LIFE:
SISTERHOOD AND POETIC KINSHIP***



Lynne Thompson

Author of
Blue on a Blue Pallet:
Poems



Patricia Smith

Author of
The Intentions of Thunder:
New and Selected Poems



Lauren K. Alleyne

Author of
Honeyfish
Moderator



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3:00 PM



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**WORDS IN MOTION:
STORYTELLING FROM PAGE TO SCREEN**



Maya Perez

Writer/Producer
On Story
American Rust



Nijla Mu'min

Writer/Filmmaker
Water Angel
Jinn



Jae Nichelle

Author of
Grownfolk Blues
Moderator



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LEGACY READING



SHARON BRIDGFORTH



PATRICIA SMITH



RACHEL ELIZA GRIFFITHS



CRYSTAL WILKINSON



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10:00 AM



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BLACK DO CRACK

A PLAY BY FLORINDA BRYANT



SUN, 27
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12:00 PM



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