

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS & NEW ORLEANS LITERARY FESTIVAL



*A five-day New Orleans affair for
readers, writers, and theatre lovers*

March 22 - 26, 2023

New Orleans Is a Home for Writers

Your literary love affair is waiting. Our city teems with literary history, especially in the French Quarter, where most of our events take place.

Our headquarters, the opulent Hotel Monteleone, has been home to our namesake playwright, along with Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner, Eudora Welty, Truman Capote, Anne Rice, and more. Take time to stroll through the French Quarter and walk in the footsteps of some of America's most famous authors.

Eat, Drink, and Be Literary

New Orleans is home to world class cuisine, cocktails, and cultural experiences. While you're here for the Festival, you can enjoy live local music, feast on our culinary delights, and take in history, art, shopping, architecture, and diverse cultures. New Orleans is home to hauntings, voodoo, cathedrals, riverboats, dive bars, and fancy cocktail lounges. Choose your own adventure!

Our Festival Is Unique

Pulitzer-Prize winner Tennessee Williams is our patron saint, and a portion of our programming centers on his work, with the rest inspired by his passion for life and literature. We invite poets, playwrights, fiction writers, historians, and journalists every year on Tennessee's birthday, and we think he'd approve of this annual party.

Speakers have included celebrated writers such as Jericho Brown, Robert Olen Butler, Maureen Corrigan, Michael Cunningham, Richard Ford, Ernest Gaines, Roxane Gay, Yusef Komunyakaa, Kiese Laymon, and many more.

TWFest isn't your ordinary book fair. Alongside literary panel discussions, writer's craft sessions, and the Williams scholars conference, we host literary walking tours, author interviews, writing marathons, music, theatre, culinary and cocktail events, and includes a Stella Shouting Contest in the heart of the French Quarter.

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- March 19: Stella Shouting Contest in Jackson Square
- March 22: Opening Night "Pity for the Wild"
- March 23 - 24: Writer's Craft Sessions, Tribute Reading
- March 23 - 25: The Last Bohemia Fringe Festival
- March 24: Tennessee Williams Scholars Conference
- March 24 - 26: Literary Panel Discussions, Walking Tours, Theatre Events, Culinary & Cocktail Events, Music Events, Book Fair hosted by Octavia Books, plus SASFest's 20th Anniversary Weekend



Literary landmark Hotel Monteleone, our headquarters.

Festival Stats

- **3,000+** annual attendees
- **13,000+** seats filled
- **200+** speakers
- **16,000+** newsletter subscribers
- **100,000+** annual website visitors
- **19,000+** social media followers
- **37** years and counting - TWfest!
- **20** years and counting - SASfest!

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Held the same weekend as TWfest, our Saints and Sinners LGBTQ Literary Festival is one of the longest-running festivals of its kind in the United States. Originally begun in 2003 as an AIDS-education event, SASfest quickly grew into full-fledged festival status. In 2023, SAS celebrates its 20th anniversary.

The Festival features LGBTQ writers, publishers, small presses, booksellers, promoters, and other interested literary professionals who all come together with readers and fans to create and grow both community and network for the LGBTQ literary world.

The SAS weekend includes panels, readings, interviews, master classes, and social events. It concludes with the presentation of the Rob Byrnes Award for Emerging Writers, and the induction of new members in the SAS Hall of Fame, which includes Dorothy Allison, Jericho Brown, Jewelle Gomez, Andrew Holleran, Judy Grahn, Val McDermid, Felice Picano, Martin Sherman, Bryan Washington, Edmund White, and many others.