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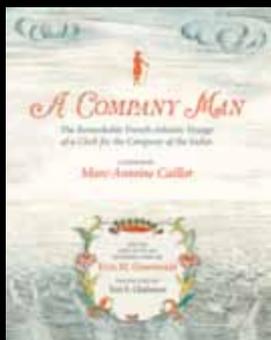
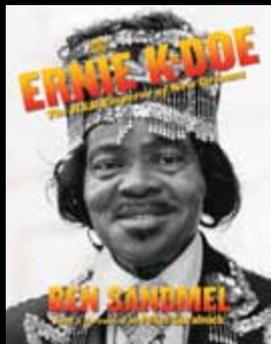
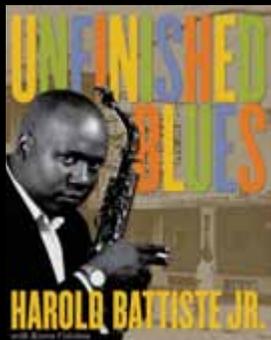
by Marc-Antoine Caillot

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This buoyant memoir recounts a young man's 1729 voyage from Paris to the New World. An incorrigible rake, Marc-Antoine Caillot documents a string of pranks, parties, and romantic escapades while illuminating racial and ethnic politics, environmental concerns, and the birth of New Orleans's distinctive cultural mélange. Enlivened by the author's own exquisite illustrations, *A Company Man* provides an intimate look at one of America's most storied cities.

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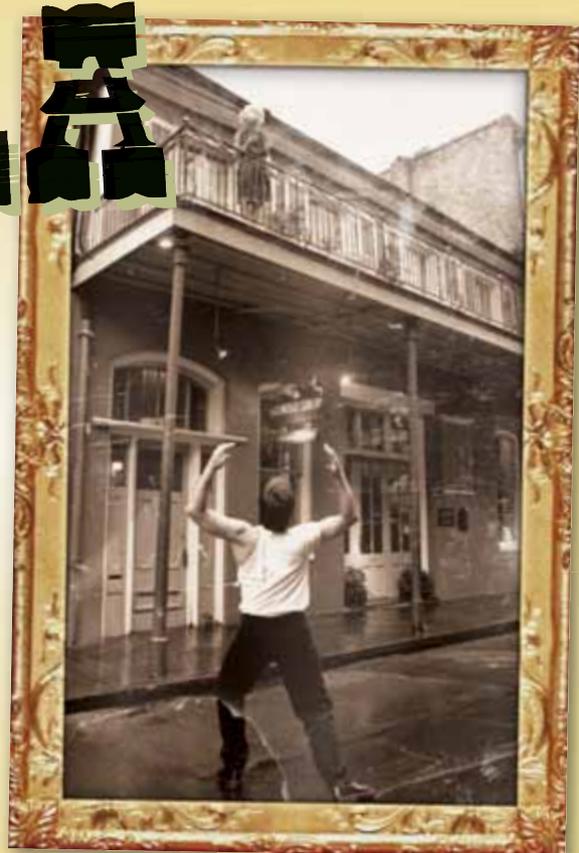
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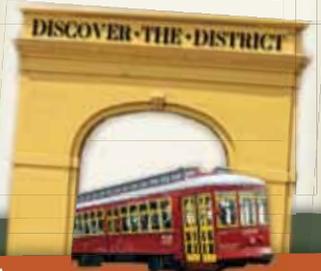
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We'd like to think of this year's Festival as one of renewal and new beginnings. At the top of that list are all our loyal Friends, returning visitors, and first-time Festival-goers. We also welcome back participants such as: John Patrick Shanley, who's one of four Pulitzer Prize winners on the program; The Book Doctors, who return to the Festival with their literary version of *American Idol*, Pitchapalooza; and the Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theater Festival which will add to the celebration of our namesake's work.

In 2013, we're celebrating debuts. We're thrilled to collaborate with New Orleans' emerging writers of color through the MelaNated Writers Collective, which presents its "Literary Jook Joint" on our late night schedule. In the pages that follow, you'll also see the names of authors, such as Ayana Mathis, whose debut novel Oprah chose as her recent Book Club pick, Manuel Gonzales and Vivek Bald, who are unveiling new titles this weekend. We're proud to support new and established names, and excited to bring them to you.

Best wishes for an enlightening and entertaining Festival!

Paul J. Willis

*Executive Director*

## Educational Outreach Program: writeNOW

Supported by the Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation and The Azby Fund.  
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The Festival encourages New Orleans' young writers through our high school outreach program, writeNOW. Each year, more than 100 students from the Lusher Charter School, NOCCA, and the Neighborhood Story Project join our day-long workshop with Festival authors. Through the use of craft exercises and discussions, authors guide students towards creating stronger and livelier prose. writeNOW offers students a chance to connect and work with a faculty of diverse young writers. In 2013, our instructors include novelist Susan Straight, short story writer and founder of the Austin Bat Cave after-school tutoring program Manuel Gonzales; Chris



Castellani, novelist and artistic director of Grub Street, a Boston-based non-profit creative writing center, and essayist Elena Passarello. Students receive panel passes to attend the Festival. Our ultimate hope is, of course, to have them return to speak at the Festival as published authors.

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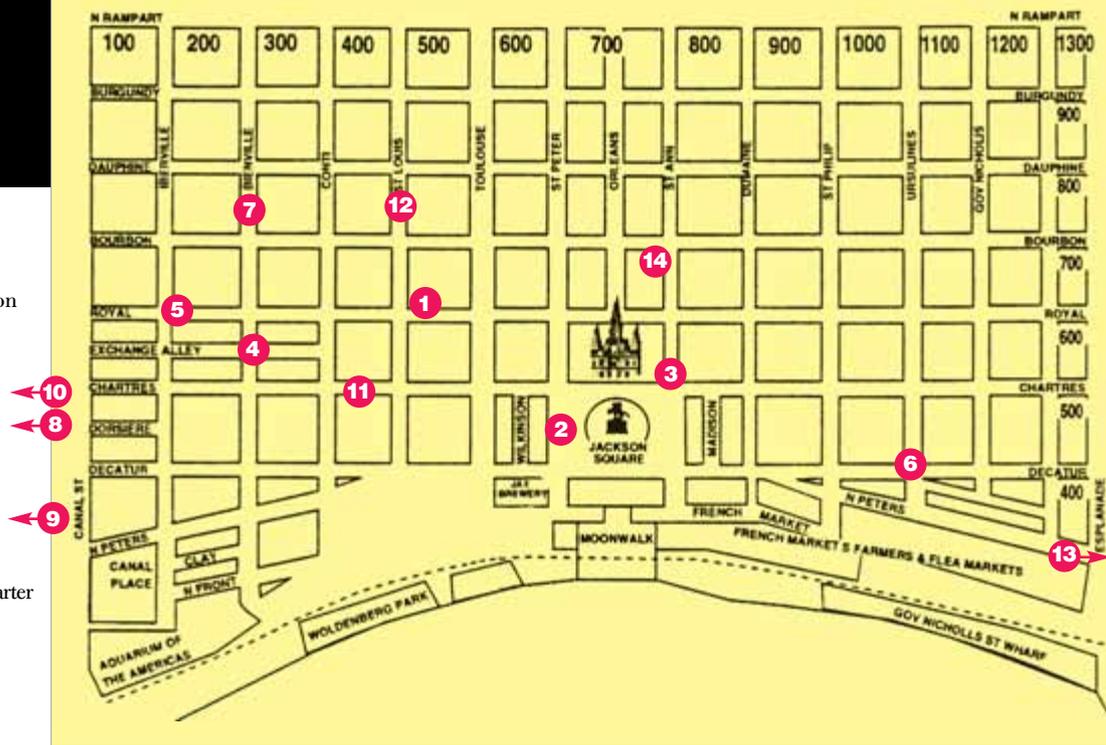
## THE NEW ORLEANS WRITING MARATHON

The Festival is the perfect weekend to jumpstart your writing endeavors. This year, for the second time, we are delighted to present The New Orleans Writing Marathon, facilitated by Richard Louth, the author of *The Writing Marathon: In Good Company Revealed*, who began these writing marathons in the early '90s. Participants will gather in the morning for an overview of the writing marathon process, receive a map and guidelines, write together as a large group, then set out in smaller groups to write around the French Quarter. Writers

will write in small groups—or individually—at various inspiring New Orleans locations, then return at a designated time for a voluntary reading and celebration. Sign up ahead of time. Email: [rlouth@selu.edu](mailto:rlouth@selu.edu) or check out the Writing Marathon Central website at [www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/nwpr/315](http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/nwpr/315) to see if this is for you. Writers participating meet in the Queen Anne Ballroom at the Hotel Monteleone Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24 at 9:00 a.m.

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- 2** Jackson Square  
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Shouting Contest
- 3** Muriel's Jackson Square Restaurant  
801 Chartres Street
- 4** The Pelican Club Restaurant  
312 Exchange Place in the French Quarter
- 5** Hotel Monteleone  
214 Royal Street
- 6** Palm Court Jazz Café  
1204 Decatur Street
- 7** Arnaud's French 75  
813 Rue Bienville
- 8** M. Francis Gallery  
604 Julia Street



- 9** Windsor Court Hotel  
300 Gravier Street
- 10** Southern Rep Theatre  
at the Contemporary Arts Center  
900 Camp Street
- 11** Williams Research Center  
410 Chartres Street
- 12** Hermann-Grima House  
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

<b>6:30</b>	<b>The Old U.S. Mint</b>
	6:30 p.m. (special event) A Tennessee Williams Songbook: Only a Paper Moon

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

<b>The Historic New Orleans Collection</b> (MASTER CLASSES)	
<b>9:00</b>	<b>9:00</b>
<b>9:30</b>	Cornell Landry
<b>10:00</b>	The Art of Self-Publishing
<b>10:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>11:00</b>	Zachary Lazar
<b>11:30</b>	A Sense of Time and Place in Literary Fiction
<b>12:00</b>	<b>1:30</b>
<b>12:30</b>	Susan Straight
<b>1:00</b>	Mining History for Your Book
<b>1:30</b>	<b>3:00</b>
<b>2:00</b>	Maira Crone
<b>2:30</b>	Shaping Speculative Fiction
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Hotel Monteleone Queen Anne Ballroom</b>
<b>3:30</b>	<b>6:30 (theater)</b>
<b>4:00</b>	Those Rare Electrical Things
<b>4:30</b>	Between People:
<b>5:00</b>	Readings of Three One-Act Plays by Tennessee Williams
<b>5:30</b>	<b>10:00 (theater/music)</b>
<b>6:00</b>	A Tennessee Williams Songbook
<b>6:30</b>	SOLD OUT
<b>7:00</b>	<b>Southern Rep Theatre</b>
<b>7:30</b>	7:30 <i>Mold</i> by John Biguenet
<b>8:00</b>	900 Camp St. (CAC)
<b>8:30</b>	

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

	<b>Hotel Monteleone Queen Anne Ballroom</b>	<b>The Windsor Court Hotel</b>	<b>The Historic New Orleans Collection</b> (MASTER CLASSES)	<b>Williams Research Center</b>	<b>Various Locations</b>	<b>Hotel Monteleone</b>
<b>9:00</b>			<b>9:00</b>		<b>Contemporary Arts Center</b>	<b>9:00 - 5:00</b>
<b>9:30</b>	<b>10:00 (panel)</b>		Arielle Eckstut & David Henry Sterry	<b>9:15 - 4:00</b>	<b>10:00 - 3:45</b>	Ticket Sales—
<b>10:00</b>	Imitating Life:		How to Get Successfully Published	Tennessee Williams Scholars Conference	<i>WriteNow</i> : Educational Outreach Program	<b>Orleans Room</b>
<b>10:30</b>	The Family in Fiction		<b>11:00</b>			Concessions & Souvenirs—
<b>11:00</b>			Danielle Evans & Ayesha Pande			<b>Parlor Room</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>11:30 (panel)</b>		Your Manuscript's Greatest Champion			Book Fair—
<b>12:00</b>	New Orleans in the 1920s: Bohemians, Baby Dolls, and Storyville		<b>1:30</b>			<b>Bonnet Carre Room</b>
<b>12:30</b>			John Patrick Shanley			Literary Walking Tours
<b>1:00</b>	<b>1:00 (panel)</b>		Big Screen Stories			Meet in Lobby
<b>1:30</b>	The Art of the Debut: Writers on Their First Books		<b>3:00</b>			10:00 a.m. (\$25)
<b>2:00</b>	<b>2:30 (panel)</b>		Marsha Norman			Literary Walking Tours
<b>2:30</b>	Creole Women		The Playwright's Craft			Meet in Lobby
<b>3:00</b>					<b>Hermann-Grima House</b>	2:00 p.m. (\$25)
<b>3:30</b>					<b>2:30 (theater)</b>	
<b>4:00</b>	<b>4:00 (panel)</b>				<i>Auto-Da-Fe</i>	
<b>4:30</b>	Free People of Color					
<b>5:00</b>		<b>5:30</b>				
<b>5:30</b>		(special event)				
<b>6:00</b>		A Chat with Food Expert John Mariani—				
<b>6:30</b>		The Virtual Gormet				
<b>7:00</b>						
<b>7:30</b>	<b>8:00 (theater/music)</b>					
<b>8:00</b>	A Tennessee Williams Songbook: Only a Paper Moon			<b>Napoleon's Itch</b>		
<b>8:30</b>				<b>7:00 (theater)</b>		
				<i>The Gnädiges Fräulein</i>		
				Four Humors Theater		
					<b>M. Francis Gallery</b>	
					<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	
					Literary Late Night: MelaNated Writers Collective	

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

	Hotel Monteleone Queen Anne Ballroom	Williams Research Center	Muriel's Jackson Square Restaurant	Vieux Carre Room The Hotel Monteleone	Various Locations	Hotel Monteleone
9:00						
9:30			8:00 (special event) Breakfast Book Club <i>Collected Stories</i> by Eudora Welty			9:00 - 5:00 Ticket Sales— <b>Orleans Room</b> Concessions & Souvenirs— <b>Parlor Room</b> Book Fair— <b>Bonnet Carre Room</b>
10:00	10:00 (reading) A Reading from the Poetry and Fiction Contests with Judges Michael Cunningham and Ava Leavell Haymon	10:00 (panel) Tennessee Williams and the Southern Gothic Tradition	10:00 (panel) Keeping it Real for Young Audiences			
10:30						
11:00		11:30 (panel) Telling Tennessee's Story	11:30 (panel) Diversifying Your Career: It's No Longer a Mystery			
11:30						
12:00	11:30 (panel pass) Breaking News: A Conversation with Douglas Brinkley	1:00 (Conversation with) Don Murray interviewed by Foster Hirsch	1:00 (manuscript pitches) Pitchapalooza		<b>Arnaud's French 75</b> 1:30 (special event) Sipping on a New Orleans Afternoon with Kit Wohl	Literary Walking Tours <b>Meet in Lobby</b> 10:00 a.m. (\$25)
1:00						
1:30	1:00 (panel) Courage in Journalism	2:30 (panel) <i>Streetcar</i> : Revisiting a Classic				Literary Walking Tours <b>Meet in Lobby</b> 2:00 p.m. (\$25)
2:00						
2:30						
3:00	2:30 (panel) Writing New Orleans: The Most "Exotic" Place in America	4:00 (panel) Make This Place Your Own: Poetry Readings			<b>Napoleon's Itch</b> 2:00 (theater) <i>The Gnädiges Fräulein</i> Four Humors Theater	
3:30						
4:00						
4:30	4:00 (panel) The South: Literature of Exile, Refuge, and Return					
5:00						
5:30				6:00 (theater) <i>There's No Way We Can't Finally Win</i> featuring Jeremy Lawrence		
6:00					<b>Southern Rep Theatre at the Contemporary Art Center</b> 7:30 (theater) <i>Mold</i> by John Biguenet	
6:30						
7:00						
7:30	8:00 (theater) Tennessee Williams in Others' Words			8:00 (special event) Literary Late Night: New Orleans Nocturnes		
8:00						
8:30						

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

	Hotel Monteleone Queen Anne Ballroom	Palm Court Jazz Café	Hotel Monteleone Royal Ballroom	Hotel Monteleone La Nouvelle	Various Locations	Hotel Monteleone
9:00						
9:30						9:00 - 5:00 Ticket Sales— <b>Orleans Room</b> Concessions & Souvenirs— <b>Parlor Room</b> Book Fair— <b>Bonnet Carre Room</b>
10:00	10:00 (panel) I Remember Tennessee		10:00 (panel) Sparkle and Polish: Creating Successful Short Fiction			
10:30				11:00 (theater) One-Act Reading 2013 Contest winner		
11:00	11:30 (panel) Influences, Mentors, & Proteges: Three Contemporary American Playwrights	11:30 (music) <i>Ernie K-Doe: The R&amp;B Emperor of New Orleans</i>	11:30 (panel) Telling the Truth, but Better: The Art of Creative Non-Fiction		<b>The Pelican Club Restaurant</b> 11:30 (special event) At Tennessee's Table	Literary Walking Tours <b>Meet in Lobby</b> 10:00 a.m. (\$25)
11:30						
12:00		1:00 (music) Phil Melancon performs with Wanda Rouzan and Leah Chase	1:00 (panel) Reading in the Digital Age	12:00 (theater) <i>Jumpers</i> (full production of 2012 One-Act Contest winner)	<b>Hermann-Grima House</b> 1:30 (theater) <i>Auto-Da-Fe</i>	Literary Walking Tours <b>Meet in Lobby</b> 2:00 p.m. (\$25)
12:30	1:00 (Conversation with) Judith Chapman talks about her one-woman show <i>Vivien</i>					
1:00						
1:30						
2:00						
2:30	2:30 (Conversation with) Michael Cunningham	2:30 (music) Paul Sanchez Plays <i>Nine Lives</i> SOLD OUT	2:30 (discussion) Writing Marathon Wrap-up	<b>Napoleon's Itch</b> 2:00 (theater) <i>The Gnädiges Fräulein</i> Four Humours Theater	<b>Southern Rep Theatre at the Contemporary Art Center</b> 2:00 (theater) <i>Mold</i> by John Biguenet	
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7:00	7:00 (theater/music) A Tennessee Williams Songbook: Only a Paper Moon				<b>Jackson Square</b> 4:15 Stanley and Stella Shouting Contest	
7:30						
8:00						
8:30						



**6:30 P.M.**  
**A TENNESSEE WILLIAMS SONGBOOK:**  
**ONLY A PAPER MOON (SPECIAL EVENT)**  
**Curated and directed by David Kaplan**

Pop songs float like soap bubbles in the plays of Tennessee Williams. As Blanche Dubois sings in the bathtub, a *Streetcar* audience shares her rising hopes, shadowed by the knowledge that bubbles inevitably burst. This show distills those hopes and fears to their essence: the elation of music, the shadow of disaster, and the delightful suspension from doubt achieved

by listening to Williams' words. Tony-nominated Broadway bombshell, Alison Fraser, sings the hit songs Williams chose for his plays' scenes. Among other pleasures in the lineup: "If I Didn't Care," a sultry "Sweet Leilani," some suave Noel Coward, and silky Duke Ellington. There are unexpected delights from country-western ballads, Mississippi blues, and an Italian romance — laced with unforgettable monologues from Williams' great plays. Piano powerhouse Allison Leyton-Brown, who wrote the hot and cool arrangements, leads a remarkable ensemble of New Orleans' finest musicians. David Kaplan, curator of the Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theater Festival, compiled the constellation of "A Tennessee Williams Songbook." See p.14 for additional performances.



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**9 A.M. – 5 P.M.**  
**FESTIVAL TICKET SALES,**  
**ORLEANS ROOM AT THE**  
**HOTEL MONTELEONE**

MASTER CLASSES

The Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival opens with a series of Master Classes by leading authors, agents, and publishing industry professionals. Each session is 1 hour and 15 minutes with a lively give-and-take between audience and facilitators. Authors will sign books. Classes may be taken individually for \$25 or as a complete series for \$175. The full series fee also includes a Festival Panel Pass. *Presented in cooperation with The Historic New Orleans Collection.*

We would like to thank the Patrick F.

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**9 A.M.**  
**WRITE YOUR OWN**  
**SUCCESS STORY**  
**CORNELL LANDRY:**  
**THE ART OF SELF-PUBLISHING**

What began as a means of telling bedtime stories about his favorite city to his daughter became a full-time vocation for children's book author

Cornell Landry. His first book — *Goodnight NOLA* — was published in 2009, and now has over 50,000 copies in print. He went on to found his own press, Black Pot Publishing, and to release five other New Orleans-themed books. In this Master Class, Landry provides practical tips for the self-published author. He weighs in on what investments you should make, how to know when you're ready to start the presses, and the ins and outs of distribution. A great class for those tired of the query cycle or for anyone who might have wondered what self-publishing is all about. **The Historic New Orleans Collection, \$25 or included in Master Class series registration**

**11 A.M.**  
**A SENSE OF TIME AND**  
**PLACE IN LITERARY FICTION**  
**ZACHARY LAZAR: MAPPING**  
**AND TIMING NARRATIVE SPACE**

For his novel *Sway*, Zachary Lazar ventured back to the London of the 1960s. In his memoir, *Evening's Empire: The Story of My Father's Murder*, he retraces the more personal history of his own father's life. Lazar, whose work has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday*, and elsewhere, shares the tools of setting scenes from different time periods and



Zachary Lazar

places, while discussing narrative elements such as voice and character.

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**1:30 P.M.**  
**RESURRECT THE PAST**  
**SUSAN STRAIGHT: MINING**  
**HISTORY FOR YOUR BOOK**

National Book Award finalist Susan Straight masterfully weaves history into her critically acclaimed novels. *A Million Nightingales* chronicles the journey of a Louisiana slave girl in search of freedom; in *Between Heaven and Here*, her most recent novel, the death of a young prostitute unearths the troubling, violent past of a fictional California town. Rendered with painstaking attention, her works resurrect historical details and give them waking, breathing souls. In this Master Class, Straight reveals her research tips and secrets to help you bring your historical settings and characters to life on the page. **The Historic New Orleans Collection, \$25 or included in Master Class series registration**  
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**3 P.M.**  
**A WHOLE NEW WORLD**  
**MOIRA CRONE: SHAPING**  
**SPECULATIVE FICTION**

In her most recent novel, *The Not Yet*, Moira Crone takes readers to a post-apocalyptic world where all the rules are broken and remade. Crone brings her singular world to life in this latest exploration that has been called "compelling."

“vivid,” and “suspenseful.” Come join the Robert Penn Warren Award winner and NEA fellow as she discusses how to imbue speculative fiction with the same elements of all great fiction to make it shine. She explains how to create a world that is lushly nuanced and characters that spring to life. A Master Class for writers of speculative fiction and genre-benders alike.  
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**6:30 P.M.  
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**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, \$35**



Bryan Batt

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 Southern Repertory Theatre at the Contemporary Art Center, 900 Camp St.

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THE 17TH ANNUAL  
TENNESSEE WILLIAMS  
**SCHOLARS CONFERENCE**

**Friday, March 22, 2013**  
**The Williams Research Center, 410 Chartres St.**

**Dr. Robert Bray, Director**



- 9:15-9:30 **Introduction and Announcements**
- 9:30-11:00 **Abstract Presentations and Audience Discussion**
1. "The Real-Life Syndicate Plantation of *Baby Doll*"  
Dr. Jack Barbera, The University of Mississippi
  2. "Unraveling 'the Desdemona thing' in Tennessee Williams"  
Marvin Sasser, Ph.D. candidate, University of Southern Mississippi
  3. "Eating Disorder: Williams' Fascination with Cannibalism"  
Dr. Michael Hooper, St. Albans High School for Girls (UK)
  4. "Law, Sex, and Tennessee Williams"  
Dr. Jacky O'Connor, Boise State University  
(Moderated by Dr. Harvey Young, Northwestern University)
- 11:00-11:15 **Short Break**
- 11:15-12:00 **"Tom and Tennessee in Europe, 1928 & 1948"**  
(Slide show presentation of Williams' trips abroad)  
Dr. John Bak, Université de Lorraine

- 12:00-1:30 **Lunch**
- 1:30-2:45 **"Tennessee Williams and the Cold War"** (Panel discussion)  
Dr. Annette Saddik, City University of New York  
Dr. Michael Hooper, St. Albans High School for Girls (UK)  
Dr. John Bak, Université de Lorraine  
Dr. Jacky O'Connor, Boise State University  
(Moderated by Dr. Barton Palmer, Clemson University)
- 3:00-4:00 **"Scenes from an Early *Battle*"**  
(Discussion of Williams' first professional production, *Battle of Angels* [1940], with performance vignettes provided by Thomas Mitchell and theatre students from the University of Illinois)  
  
Thomas Mitchell, Joi Hoffssommer, Joe Boersma, Michelle Grube, and Christopher Bown  
(Moderated by Dr. Robert Bray)

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**9 A.M. – 5 P.M.**

**FESTIVAL TICKET SALES, ORLEANS ROOM AT THE HOTEL MONTELEONE**

**BOOK FAIR, BONNET CARRE ROOM AT THE HOTEL MONTELEONE**

Local independent bookseller Garden District Book Shop will offer books for sale by Festival authors, along with special books about Louisiana and all things Tennessee.

**CONCESSIONS AND SOUVENIRS, PARLOR ROOM AT HOTEL MONTELEONE**

Book bags, note cards, T-shirts, and more — exclusive to the Festival.

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS  
SCHOLARS CONFERENCE

**9:15 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

Literary experts share their insights on the creative work of America's greatest playwright. Complete schedule is on page 11.

**Conference Director: Dr. Robert Bray.**

**Williams Research Center, 410 Chartres St., \$20 for Scholars**

**Conference Pass**

MASTER CLASSES

**9 A.M.**

**HOW TO GET SUCCESSFULLY PUBLISHED:  
ARIELLE ECKSTUT & DAVID HENRY STERRY AKA  
THE BOOK DOCTORS**

It's the greatest time in history to be a writer. Whether you choose to pursue a major publisher, a small independent, or publish yourself, it's easier than it's ever been for authors to reach their audience. But with all those choices out there, it can be downright daunting to figure out which one is right for you. The Book Doctors, agent/author Arielle Eckstut and author/performer David Henry Sterry cover everything from how to make your manuscript as great as it can be, to how to find an agent or publisher, to exploring self-publishing options, to building your platform through social media, to hooking up with local and national media, and perhaps most importantly, explaining how awesome, brilliant, informative, funny, tragic, and valuable your precious book is. Whether you're a raw beginner or a grizzled veteran of the publishing wars, The Book Doctors can help fix what's ailing you!

**The Historic New Orleans Collection, \$25 or included in Master Class series registration**

**11 A.M.**

**YOUR MANUSCRIPT'S GREATEST CHAMPION  
DANIELLE EVANS & AYESHA PANDE: THE AUTHOR-  
AGENT CONNECTION**

The author-agent relationship can really make (or break!) a book and ensure its place (or disappearance!) in the literary ether. But finding the right fit can be bewildering. In this Master Class, Danielle Evans reveals how she found her perfect literary match in agent Ayesha Pande, who sold Evans' debut collection of short stories, *Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self*. The duo discusses their relationship from the early days of Evans' pitch to the present moment as Evans readies her second book for publication.

**The Historic New Orleans Collection, \$25 or included in Master Class series registration**

**1:30 P.M.**

**SCENES FROM A SCREENWRITER'S NOTEBOOK  
JOHN PATRICK SHANLEY: BIG SCREEN STORIES**

Designed for serious and aspiring screenwriters, this Master Class features Oscar-winning screenwriter John Patrick Shanley, who won a Best Screenplay Oscar for *Moonstruck*, and whose direction and screenplay of *Doubt* garnered Oscar nominations for all four of its stars. He discusses his screen and stage career, and offers insider wisdom and his personal thoughts on the writing life. Facilitated by Thomas Keith, an editor and leading authority on contemporary theater, this session promises lively conversation.



John Patrick Shanley

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**3 P.M.**

**THE PLAYWRIGHT'S CRAFT  
MARSHA NORMAN: WRITING FOR THE STAGE**

Playwrights, are you wondering how to move your play from the page to the stage? Bring all your pressing questions to this Master Class with Marsha Norman, the Pulitzer-winning author of *night, Mother*. One of the country's leading playwrights and a faculty member of the prestigious Lila Acheson Wallace American Playwrights Program at the Juilliard School, Norman's insights will be invaluable as you create and polish your own work.

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LITERARY PANELS, THEATRICAL  
PERFORMANCES, AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**Entrance to all literary panels, readings, and featured conversations with literary luminaries is included in the Festival Panel Pass, \$75.**

**TENNESSEE  
WILLIAMS LITERARY  
WALKING TOUR**

New Orleans—and especially the French Quarter—played a very vital part in shaping Tennessee Williams. When he came here for the first time, he was Tom Williams. When he left here a couple months later, he was going as Tennessee, having undergone a tremendous change in his personal life and his creativity. A man perpetually on the move, Tennessee considered this city his “spiritual home” and had at least eight residences in its famous neighborhoods. Revisit the homes and hangouts where he lived and worked and returned to throughout his adult life, beloved spots that helped to make Tennessee America's greatest playwright.



10 A.M. and 2 P.M. Friday through Sunday. Each tour will start with an introduction by Dr. Kenneth Holditch. Tour meets in the Hotel Monteleone lobby, Heritage Tours, \$25

## 10 A.M.

### IMITATING LIFE: THE FAMILY IN FICTION

Families. Who would we be without them? Contemporary writers' domestic pasts often surface in their work, whether intentionally or otherwise. But where does objectivity come into play? And what do you say when your mother wants to read your manuscript? Panelists Christopher Castellani, author of three novels including his latest, *All This Talk of Love*; Silas House, author of *Long Time Travelling* and *This is My Heart for You*; Amy Stolls, novelist, whose most recent work is *The Ninth Wife*; and Susan Straight, National Book Award finalist and author of six novels including *Take One Candle Light a Room*, discuss whether or not it is possible—or desirable—to write something entirely apart from personal experience.

**Panelists: Christopher Castellani, Silas House, Amy Stolls, and Susan Straight.**

*Moderator: Maureen Corrigan.*

**Hotel Monteleone Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

## 11:30 A.M.

### NEW ORLEANS IN 1920s: BOHEMIANS, BABY DOLLS, AND STORYVILLE

If you think New Orleans is a raucous place now, imagine the city during the Roaring Twenties. Writers and artists worked and drank with abandon in the French Quarter. Among them were future Nobel laureate William Faulkner and Sherwood Anderson. Nearby in Storyville, a red-light district drew pleasure-seekers and underworld characters. And in black New Orleans, women were making inroads into Mardi Gras culture with an outrageous masking krewe, the Baby Dolls. This panel explores how this rollicking era continues to influence contemporary culture.

**Panelists: Alecia Long, John Shelton Reed, and Kim Marie Vaz.**

*Moderator: John Magill.*

**Hotel Monteleone Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

## 1 P.M.

### THE ART OF THE DEBUT: WRITERS ON THEIR FIRST BOOKS

What does it take to get your book off your lap-top and on the shelves of bookstores? Our panelists, who've either recently published their first books, or are the verge of, discuss how they got their literary careers started. They'll tell you how they got their first fiction byline, ensnared their agents, chased and won fellowships, maintained (or chucked) their day jobs and kept their sanity as they gained their bona fides as writers.

**Panelists: Manuel Gonzales, Ayana Mathis, and Kristen-Paige Madonia.**

*Moderator: Susan Larson.*

**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

*Sponsored by Backspace Bar & Kitchen.*

## 2:30 P.M.

### CREOLE WOMEN

The idea of the Creole woman as mysterious and alluring is part of New Orleans mythology, while historians can tell us tales of many who wielded great power. These panelists draw upon the iconic figure and the reality in their work. Ruth Salvaggio draws on the figure of the Creole woman in song, and gives us the lives of Louisiana women poets in her fabulous work of memoir and criticism, *Hearing Sappho in New Orleans*. Poet Mona Lisa Saloy gives us the living voice of the Creole woman. And historian Carolyn Morrow Long, who has written biographies of New Orleans

women as diverse as Madame Lalaurie and Marie Laveau, tells us some of the stories she has unearthed in archives and research repositories.

**Panelists: Carolyn Morrow Long, Mona Lisa Saloy, and Ruth Salvaggio.**

*Moderator: David Johnson.*

**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**



## 2:30 P.M.

### AUTO-DA-FE BY TENNESSEE WILLIAMS (THEATER)

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**Hermann-Grima House, 820 St. Louis St., \$25.**

*This event supported by Hermann-Grima House and Krewe of Armeinius. Auto-Da-Fe is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.*

## 4 P.M.

### FREE PEOPLE OF COLOR

Long obscured by myth, the lives of free people of color are now being portrayed with truth by historians, biographers, and novelists. Emily Clark depicts quadroon society in New Orleans, debunking the erotic legend; Carol Gelderman tells of a prominent hotelier in Washington at the onset of the Jim Crow era; and Leonard Pitts expresses in fiction the horrors of the separation of enslaved families and their efforts at reunion after the Civil War. Moderator Patricia Brady writes about artists of color.

**Panelists: Emily Clark, Carol Gelderman, and Leonard Pitts.**

*Moderator: Patricia Brady.*

**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

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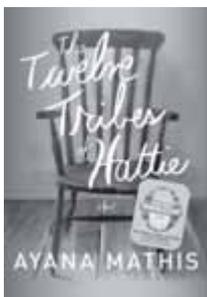
## 5:30 P.M.

### RESTAURANT SCOOP FROM THE VIRTUAL GOURMET (SPECIAL EVENT)

Join food expert John Mariani for wine, wit, and hors d'oeuvres. Mariani, a food columnist for *Esquire*, offers the scoop on the latest national restaurant trends.

**Windsor Court Hotel, 300 Gravier St., limited seating, \$40.**

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# THEATER OFFERINGS

## A TENNESSEE WILLIAMS SONGBOOK: ONLY A PAPER MOON

Curated and directed by David Kaplan.

Pop songs float like soap bubbles in the plays of Tennessee Williams. As Blanche Dubois sings in the bathtub, a *Streetcar* audience shares her rising hopes, shadowed by the knowledge that bubbles inevitably burst. This 75-minute show distills those hopes and fears to their essence: the elation of music, the shadow of disaster, and the delightful suspension from doubt achieved by listening to Williams' words. Tony-nominated Broadway bombshell, Alison Fraser, sings the hit songs Williams requested be sung in his scenes. *These performances made possible by the generous support of Albert Carey, Jr.*

Thursday, March 21, 10 p.m. (Thursday is **SOLD OUT**; waiting list available by calling (504) 581-1144)

Friday, March 22, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 24, 7 p.m.  
Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, \$38



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Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, \$35

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by Hermann-Grima House and Krewe of Armeinius.

Friday, March 22, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 24, 1:30 p.m.

Hermann-Grima House, 820 St. Louis St., \$25

## FOUR



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## THE GNÄDIGES FRÄULEIN

New Orleans' Four Humours Theater presents *The Gnadiges Fraulein*, a demented plea on the trials of the artist. This play is packed with Tennessee Williams' poetry at its most gorgeous and surreal.

Friday, March 22, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m.;

Sunday, March 24, 2 p.m.

Napoleon's Itch, 734 Bourbon St., \$25

## THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN'T FINALLY WIN

A new exploration of Tennessee Williams, arranged and performed by Jeremy Lawrence, culled from essays, letters and his works, many unpublished, and mostly from his later years. An evening of Tennessee's "too personal" musings both serious and comical on the struggles of a playwright: "To record what I see as I see it and what I feel as I feel it, publicly out loud—with absolutely no fear, no intimidation, no regard for formidable consequences."

Saturday, March 23, 6 p.m.

Hotel Monteleone, Vieux Carre Room, \$25

## TENNESSEE WILLIAMS IN OTHERS' WORDS (SPECIAL EVENT)

Join Judith Chapman, Michael Cunningham, Jeremy Lawrence, Christian LeBlanc, Emily Mann, Cristine McMurdo-Wallis, Don Murray, Marsha Norman, Elena Passarello, John Patrick Shanley, and William Jay Smith as they paint a verbal portrait of Tennessee Williams using the words of those who knew the playwright well—family members, friends, directors, actors, producers, even critics—and those people who have known him only through his plays, his films, and his reputation. Touching, humorous, and full of surprises, these readings create a vision of Tennessee that will surprise and delight you. *Hosted by Thomas Keith, and curated by Keith and Paul J. Willis.*

Saturday, March 23, 8 p.m.

Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, \$35



## STAGED READING OF THE 2013 FESTIVAL ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST WINNER

The Festival is proud to showcase the winning play of this year's One-Act Play Contest through a dynamic staged reading of the script. The winner receives a \$1,500 cash prize. This event is presented by the University of New Orleans Department of Film, Theatre, and Communication Arts. The Creative Writing MFA Program at the University of New Orleans administers and coordinates the competition judging.

Sunday, March 24 at 11 a.m.

Hotel Monteleone, La Nouvelle Ballroom. Free with Festival Pass or \$10 at the door

## JUMPERS BY JESSICA ALEXANDER

The University of New Orleans Department of Film, Theatre, and Communication Arts presents the premiere production of "Jumpers" by Jessica Alexander, winner of the Festival's 2012 One-Act Play Contest. In "Jumpers", Mark and Sandrine have the same idea: they've both decided to plunge to their death from the perfect spot on the local suicide bridge. When they arrive to commit the deed at the same time, their meeting sparks an argument, a philosophical exploration, a wide-awake adventure, and maybe — just maybe — a change of heart.

Sunday, March 24 at 12 p.m.

Hotel Monteleone, La Nouvelle Ballroom. Free with Festival Pass or \$10 at the door

**7 P.M.****THE GNÄDIGES FRÄULEIN (THEATER)**

New Orleans' Four Humours Theater presents *The Gnädiges Fräulein*, a farce about a gossip columnist named Polly, a landlady named Molly and the "gracious young lady" of the play's title. A demented plea on the trials of the artist, this riotous one-act play, which opened in 1966, is packed with Tennessee Williams' poetry at its most gorgeous and surreal. **Napoleon's Itch, 734 Bourbon St., \$25**

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Southern Repertory Theatre at the Contemporary Art Center, 900 Camp St.

**8 P.M.****LITERARY LATE NIGHT: THE MELANATED WRITERS COLLECTIVE PRESENTS THE LITERARY JOOK JOINT (SPECIAL EVENT)**

MelaNated Writers Collective, the New Orleans writers of color group, brings its "Literary Jook Joint" to the Festival. Drawing inspiration from the good ole days of the Southern jook (juke) joint, the place where black people gathered to listen to music, dance, gamble, and drink, MelaNated presents an evening of readings of original works of prose and poetry from its members interspersed with a live music set. Think Shug Avery in *The Color Purple* singing "Miss Celie's Blues (Sister)." Think speakeasy but literary. *Generous support provided by Paige Royer and Whole Foods Market.* **M. Francis Gallery, 604 Julia St., \$15**

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SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2013

**8 A.M.****BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB (SPECIAL EVENT)**

The Breakfast Book Club continues its exploration of Southern literary heritage, turning this year to the amazingly diverse work of Eudora Welty (1909-2001). Acknowledged as a giant of the 20th-century U.S. canon, Welty wrote a series of acclaimed novels and a beautiful autobiography, but she remains perhaps best known for her meticulously crafted short stories. Attendees are invited to purchase Welty's *Collected Stories* (ISBN 978-0156189217) and read several—"Lily Daw and the Three Ladies," "Petrified Man," "Why I Live at the P.O.," "A Curtain of Green," "The Wide Net," and "June Recital"—for the group's communal discussion over coffee and a light breakfast at Muriel's Restaurant. Southern literary scholar Gary Richards facilitates the discussion.

*Seating is limited to 50 persons; pre-registration is required.*

Muriel's Jackson Square Restaurant, \$25

*Sponsored by French Market Coffee.*

**9 A.M. – 5 P.M.****FESTIVAL TICKET SALES, ORLEANS ROOM AT THE HOTEL MONTELEONE****BOOK FAIR, BONNET CARRE ROOM AT THE HOTEL MONTELEONE**

Local independent bookseller Garden District Book Shop will offer books for sale by Festival authors, along with special books about Louisiana and all things Tennessee.

**CONCESSIONS AND SOUVENIRS, PARLOR ROOM AT HOTEL MONTELEONE**

Book bags, note cards, T-shirts, and more — exclusive to the Festival.

**10 A.M.****A READING FROM THE POETRY AND FICTION CONTESTS WITH JUDGES MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM AND AVA LEAVELL HAYMON**

Don't miss your chance for a first look at the next wave! The contests, part of our organization's mission to encourage and support new talent, unearth the freshest new talent from hundreds of entries. Writers who have yet to publish a book in their genre compete for a cash prize, publication, and the honor of being selected by our illustrious judges. In this panel, the victors share their work alongside our judges, Pulitzer-prize winner Michael Cunningham and award-winning poet Ava Leavell Haymon.

Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass

**10 A.M.****TENNESSEE WILLIAMS AND SOUTHERN GOTHIC TRADITION**

Is there a connection between the early British gothic novels, with their foreboding castles and supernatural inhabitants, and stories of small-town Southern life, featuring psychological misfits with twisted souls and broken bodies? Literary specialists trace the Southern gothic tradition from Edgar Allan Poe through Faulkner, O'Connor, Williams, and others.

Panelists: Barton Palmer, Annette Saddik, and Harvey Young.

Moderator: Robert Bray.

Williams Research Center, Festival Panel Pass

**10 A.M.****KEEPING IT REAL FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES**

In this era of tweens, teens and *Twilight*, young adult fiction is flourishing. What are the best ways to reach these eager young readers, besides knocking off another vampire series? Our panelists, who write adult and young adult fiction alike, talk about their experiences of writing for this strong

market, with its particular challenges and pleasures.

**Panelists:** Greg Herren, Silas House, Kristen-Paige Madonia, and Amy Stolls.

*Moderator:* Madaline Herlong.

Muriel's Jackson Square Restaurant, Festival Panel Pass

*Sponsored by Ricky and Lori Thomas.*

**11:30 A.M.**

### **BREAKING NEWS: A CONVERSATION WITH DOUGLAS BRINKLEY**

Rice University professor and *Rolling Stone* and *Vanity Fair* contributor Douglas Brinkley returns to our Festival with his latest biography, *Cronkite*. The late Stephen Ambrose called Douglas Brinkley "the best of the new generation of American historians," an apt salute for Brinkley's expansive explorations. In *Cronkite*, Brinkley traces the legendary newsman from his earliest days during the Great Depression, through the Vietnam War, the moon landing, and beyond. *Interviewed by Errol Laborde.*

Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass

*Sponsored by the Zemurray Foundation.*

**11:30 A.M.**

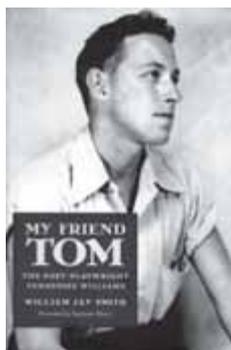
### **TELLING TENNESSEE'S STORY**

Since his death in 1983, Tennessee Williams has been the subject of at least half a dozen biographies. Authors of three recent ones—*Tennessee Williams, A Literary Life* (2013) by John S. Bak, *My Friend Tom: The Poet-Playwright Tennessee Williams* (2012) by William Jay Smith, and *Tennessee Williams in Provincetown* (2007) by David Kaplan—will discuss their processes and approaches to Williams' life and legacy, as well as Williams' biographical research, new resources, what has come before, and what we have to look forward to in the future.

**Panelists:** John S. Bak, David Kaplan, and William Jay Smith.

*Moderator:* Thomas Keith.

Williams Research Center, Festival Panel Pass



**11:30 A.M.**

### **DIVERSIFYING YOUR CAREER: IT'S NO LONGER A MYSTERY**

The only constant in the publishing world these days is change. E-books, novellas, closing bookstores—what's a mystery writer to do? Join these top mystery writers as they explain all the options that are now available, and how stepping outside the box the publishing world used to put writers in, and how the changes in both publishing and crime technology have helped them become stronger writers.

**Panelists:** Nevada Barr, Greg Herren, and Christine Wiltz.

*Moderator:* Julie Smith.

Muriel's Jackson Square Restaurant, Festival Panel Pass

*Sponsored by Mystery Writers of America.*

**1 P.M.**

### **COURAGE IN JOURNALISM**

In these days of shrinking newspapers, television sound bites, and blogs, who really gives us the news? Amid the excess of "spin," who can we trust to ask the difficult and crucial questions? Who are the reliable sources we can turn to? Drawing on his long years of research writing about one of the last great anchormen, Walter Cronkite, and his own journalism, Douglas Brinkley describes what brave reporting and writing means to him. Journalist and literary critic Dwight Garner

speaks to his long experience at *The New York Times*. And syndicated columnist (turned novelist) Leonard Pitts discusses the bold stands he has taken in his long and distinguished career.

**Panelists:** Douglas Brinkley, Dwight Garner, and Leonard Pitts.

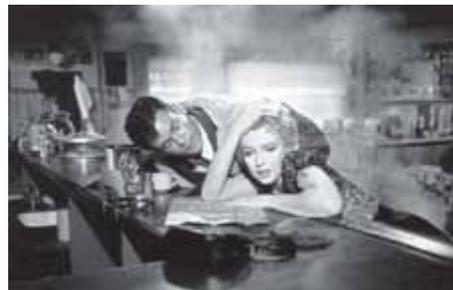
*Moderator:* Michael Sartisky.

Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass

**1 P.M.**

### **CONVERSATION WITH DON MURRAY/ INTERVIEWED BY FOSTER HIRSCH**

Few actors can boast of having worked with Marilyn Monroe, Tennessee Williams, Paddy Chayefsky, and the starry cast of the iconic television series, *Knots Landing*, the way Don Murray can.



Following his 1951 Broadway debut as the sailor in Tennessee Williams' *The Rose Tattoo*, Murray starred in Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth*, Bernard Slade's *Same Time, Next Year*, and Alan Ayckbourn's *The Norman Conquests*. In his first Hollywood appearance, he played the naïve but determined cowboy who falls in love with Marilyn Monroe's character in *Bus Stop*, a role for which he received an Oscar nomination. His credits include *A Hatful of Rain*, directed by Fred Zinneman; Paddy Chayefsky's *The Bachelor Party*; Otto Preminger's masterful *Advise and Consent*; *The Hoodlum Priest*, which he co-wrote; *Conquest of the Planet of the Apes*; *Endless Love*, and *Sweet Love, Bitter*. Join film critic and professor Foster Hirsch in this sure-to-be illuminating discussion of Murray's life and work with the man himself.

Williams Research Center, Festival Panel Pass

**1 P.M.**

### **PITCHAPALOOZA**

Think you have a book in you? At Pitchapalooza, you'll get one minute to prove it. The Book Doctors bring their traveling "American Idol for Books" show back to the Festival. Past Pitchapalooza participants have gone from being talented amateurs to published authors. Our judges are a formidable crew of literary gatekeepers and shot callers, including The Book Doctors agent/writer team of Arielle Eckstut and David Henry Sterry; Kathleen Calhoun Nettleton, president of Pelican Publishing; literary critic, author, and Pulitzer juror Susan Larson; and agent Ayesha Pande. They'll hear as many pitches as the clock permits. When time is up, they'll choose a winner, who will receive an introduction to an agent or editor for their work from The Book Doctors.

**Judges:** Arielle Eckstut and David Henry Sterry; Kathleen Calhoun Nettleton, Susan Larson, and Ayesha Pande.

Muriel's Jackson Square Restaurant, Festival Panel Pass

**1:30 P.M.**

### **SIPPING ON A NEW ORLEANS AFTERNOON (SPECIAL EVENT)**

Author Kit Wohl and mixologist Hadi Kitiri-Idrissi provide tastes from Old New Orleans Rum and conversation at Arnaud's iconic French 75 Bar. If cocktails were not invented in New Orleans as legend claims, they should have been. Kit Wohl's *New Orleans Classic Cocktails* offers more than sixty recipes from absinthe



cocktails to Sazeracs (a Tennessee Williams favorite) and the famous New Orleans restaurants and clubs that serve them, along with stunning photographs, history, musings, and stories. In the sixth book in Wohl's acclaimed Classic series, Big Easy cocktail recipes are knockouts for the eye and the taste buds. For the price of admission, this special event also includes a signed copy of *New Orleans Classic Cocktails*.

**Arnaud's French 75 Bar, 813 Bienville, \$30.**

**2 P.M.**

### **THE GNÄDIGES FRÄULEIN (THEATER)**

New Orleans' Four Humours Theater presents *The Gnädiges Fräulein*, a farce about a gossip columnist named Polly, a landlady named Molly and the "gracious young lady" of the play's title. A demented plea on the trials of the artist, this riotous one-act play, which opened in 1966, is packed with Tennessee Williams' poetry at its most gorgeous and surreal.

**Napoleon's Itch, 734 Bourbon St., \$25**

**2:30 P.M.**

### **WRITING NEW ORLEANS: THE MOST "EXOTIC" PLACE IN AMERICA**

As cities go, few are more storied and fetishized than New Orleans. Characterized as "exotic," "mysterious" and "Third World," the Crescent City is frequently represented as an American Orientalist fantasy—New Orleans as American's foreign "other." Mythologized for tourism brochures, and dramatized for news reports, the language through which New Orleans is rendered often overshadows the city's realities. How do you portray the city's textured soul and the "local color" of traditions such as Mardi Gras without filling the page or screen with maudlin stereotypes? How does a native account compare to a newcomer's? How do you write about a city of so many stories, and even more storytellers? These urbane writers, who between them have written for the *Times-Picayune*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *New Yorker*, and HBO's *Treme*, meditate aloud on the pleasures and difficulties of capturing the complicated beauty that is New Orleans.

**Panelists: Thomas Beller, Richard Campanella, and Nathaniel Rich, and Kim Marie Vaz.**

*Moderator: David Johnson.*

**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

*Sponsored by Tulane University.*

**2:30 P.M.**

### **"THEY TOLD ME TO TAKE A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE"—REVISITING A CLASSIC**

This past November marked 65 years ago that one of the most important American plays ever written opened on Broadway. In the four generations that have passed since, the influence of *A Streetcar Named Desire* has only increased. From the impact of Elia Kazan's direction and Marlon Brando's acting in the original production and subsequent film version to, most recently, last year's multicultural Broadway production, it is a play that has stood the test of time. Playwright Arthur Miller declared, "What *Streetcar* did was to plant the flag of beauty on the shores of commercial theater." In a conversation led by David Kaplan, Curator of the Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theater Festival, Director Emily Mann, scholar Harvey Young, editor and teacher Thomas Keith, and New Orleans actress Aimee Hayes will discuss the power of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, its profound influence on our culture, and the many ways in which it has been interpreted on stage and film.

**Panelists: Aimee Hayes, Thomas Keith, Emily Mann, and Harvey Young.**

*Moderator: David Kaplan.*

**Williams Research Center, Festival Panel Pass**

*Sponsored by Charlotte Thomas and Dr. Howard Russell.*

**4 P.M.**

### **THE SOUTH: LITERATURE OF EXILE, REFUGE, AND RETURN**

The Port of New Orleans was second only to Ellis Island in welcoming the world's huddled masses, the new immigrants who would go on to contribute to the nation's economic, political, and cultural life. The South has also been a point of exit for African-Americans, who left during the Great Migration. Yet, in our contemporary times, the descendants of these black families who fled Jim Crow have returned to inhabit their parents' home countries. In post-Katrina New Orleans, new immigrants from Latin America and elsewhere have added to the cultural mix. The panelists, whose work and personal histories reflect the concerns of the discussion, discuss the representation of different waves of immigration to, and migration from, the South in fiction and non-fiction.

**Panelists: Vivek Bald, Frank Cha, Ayana Mathis, and John Jeremiah Sullivan.**

*Moderator: Elizabeth Steeby.*

**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

**4 P.M.**

### **MAKE THIS PLACE YOUR OWN: POETRY READINGS**

Join us for a reading and discussion led by acclaimed contemporary poets with an eye for transforming shared experiences into fiercely original impressions. Ava Leavell Haymon (Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Prize), Brad Richard (2010 Washington Prize), and Niyi Osundare (The Commonwealth Poetry Prize) will share works that often explore social and cultural narratives, from New Orleans history and household fairy tales to geopolitical realities. Readings will be followed by a discussion on the writers' process of mining shared places for individual understanding, as well as the role of poetry in navigating us from familiar tropes to uncharted territories.

**Panelists: Ava Leavell Haymon, Brad Richard, Brenda Marie Osbey and Niyi Osundare.** *Moderator: Carolyn Hembree.*

**Williams Research Center, Festival Panel Pass**



**6 P.M.**

### **THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN'T FINALLY WIN (THEATER)**

A new exploration of Tennessee Williams, arranged and performed by **Jeremy Lawrence**, culled from essays, letters and his works, many unpublished, and mostly from his later years. An evening of Tennessee's "too personal" musings both serious and comical on the struggles of a playwright: "To record what I see as I see it and what I feel as I feel it, publicly out loud—with absolutely no fear, no intimidation, no regard for formidable consequences."

**Hotel Monteleone, Vieux Carre Room, \$25**

**7:30 P.M.**  
**MOLD BY JOHN BIGUENET**

This world premiere is presented by Southern Rep Theatre and directed by Mark Routhier. See page 14 for more details. **Get tickets at [www.SouthernRep.com](http://www.SouthernRep.com) or (504) 522-6545. Southern Repertory Theatre at the Contemporary Art Center, 900 Camp St.**



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**8 P.M.**  
**TENNESSEE WILLIAMS IN OTHERS' WORDS**  
**(SPECIAL EVENT/THEATER)**

Join Judith Chapman, Michael Cunningham, Jeremy Lawrence, Emily Mann, Don Murray, Marsha Norman, Elena Passarello, John Patrick

Shanley, William Jay Smith, and Cristine McMurdo-Wallis as they paint a verbal portrait of Tennessee Williams using the words of those who knew the playwright well—family members, friends, directors, actors, producers, even critics—and those people who have known him only through his plays, his films, and his reputation. Touching, humorous, and full of surprises, these readings create a vision of Tennessee that will surprise and delight you. *Hosted by Thomas Keith, and curated by Keith and Paul J. Willis.*

**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, \$35**  
*Sponsored by the Bollinger Family Foundation.*

**8 P.M.**  
**LITERARY LATE NIGHT: NEW ORLEANS NOCTURNES**

Cultural impresarios NOLAfugees and The People Say Project celebrate the sultrier side of the city's literary tradition with their all-new Literary Late Night presentation, "New Orleans Nocturnes," an hour-long burlesque and variety show. Join them as they explore the Crescent City's tawdry textual pleasures and arouse the belles-lettres with performances by their chosen provocateurs. Savor and chase it down afterwards with a cocktail party featuring creations by Hendrick's Gin, and a panoramic view of the city that titillated and inspired so many literary types from the rooftop of the Monteleone.

**Hotel Monteleone, Vieux Carre Room, \$20**



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**10 A.M.**

**I REMEMBER TENNESSEE**

Our signature event returns with more laughs and stories about America's favorite playwright. Come hear those who worked and played with Tennessee as they share their memories about the legend. New Orleanian Captain Clarke Hawley joins Don Murray from the original production of *The Rose Tattoo* and poet William Jay Smith to toast and roast our namesake playwright.

**Panelists:** Captain Clarke Hawley, Don Murray, and William Jay Smith.

**Moderator:** Annette Saddik.

**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

*Partially sponsored by Robert and Carol Cudd.*

**10 A.M.**

**SPARKLE AND POLISH: CREATING SUCCESSFUL SHORT FICTION**

The short story challenges writers to compress language, conflict, and character development with exacting efficiency. To be successful, writers must take on the spirit and attention of lapidaries, polishing every sentence like gemstones to string together a narrative with dazzling effects. In this panel, short story writers who've published their work in *The Paris Review*, *Glimmer Train*, *One Story*, *Tin House* and *McSweeney's* discuss their processes, struggles, and solutions to narratives that glitter in readers' imaginations long after the last words have been read.

**Panelists:** Danielle Evans, Manuel Gonzales, and Geoff Wyss.

**Moderator:** Pia Z. Ehrhardt.

**Hotel Monteleone, Royal Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

**11 A.M.**

**STAGED READING OF THE 2013 FESTIVAL ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST WINNER (THEATER)**

The Festival is proud to showcase the winning play of this year's One-Act Play Contest through a dynamic staged reading of the script. The winner receives a \$1,500 cash prize. This event is presented by the University of New Orleans Department of Film, Theatre, and Communication Arts. The Creative Writing MFA Program at the University of New Orleans administers and coordinates the competition judging.

**Hotel Monteleone, La Nouvelle Ballroom. Free with Festival Pass or \$10 at the door**

**11:30 A.M.**

**INFLUENCES, MENTORS, & PROTEGES: THREE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHTS**

Emily Mann, Marsha Norman and John Patrick Shanley have a credit list that goes on and on, and mantelpieces crowded with Tonys, Obies, Pulitzer Prizes, and an Oscar. Playwright and direc-

tor Emily Mann's plays include *Execution of Justice*, *Still Life* (six Obie Awards), and *Having Our Say* (Tony nominations for both Best Play and Best Director). In 2012, she directed an all-black production of *A Streetcar Named Desire* on Broadway. Co-director of the Juilliard Playwrights Program, Marsha Norman's plays include *Third and Oak: The Laundromat*, *Getting Out* and *'night Mother*, for which she won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1983. She wrote book and lyrics for *The Red Shoes* and *The Secret Garden*, winning a Tony award for the latter, as well as the libretto for *The Color Purple*. Playwright, screenwriter, and director John Patrick Shanley is best known for his Academy Award-winning screenplay *Moonstruck*. His plays include *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, *Savage in Limbo*, *Doubt: A Parable*, for which he won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2005, *Defiance*, *Romantic Poetry*, and *Storefront Church*. Mann, Norman, and Shanley discuss their influences, work, and what's next.

**Panelists:** Emily Mann, Marsha Norman, and John Patrick Shanley.

**Moderator:** Thomas Keith.

**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

*Sponsored by Ted and Mary Merle Laborde.*

**11:30 A.M.**

**TELLING THE TRUTH, BUT BETTER: THE ART OF CREATIVE NON-FICTION**

How do you fashion narratives out of life? Which observations are worthy of noting and which should be left out? Should writers seek objectivity when attempting memoir, or embrace the subjective? How do you balance the personal perspective of an experience while still providing an encyclopedic reach of long form narrative non-fiction? Our panelists have written about such diverse experiences as chasing down a stolen iPhone on a Vespa, the delights of peanut butter and pickle sandwiches, the thrill and shrill of winning the Festival's Stella and Stanley Shouting Contest, and an exhaustive massage-a-thon in North Carolina, in publications such as the *New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *Paris Review*. Bring all your non-fiction quandaries and questions.

**Panelists:** Thomas Beller, Dwight Garner, Elena Passarello, and John Jeremiah Sullivan.

**Moderator:** Daniel Brook.

**Hotel Monteleone, Royal Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

**11:30 A.M.**

**AT TENNESSEE'S TABLE (SPECIAL EVENT)**

Food figures prominently in Tennessee Williams' plays. This year's New Orleans Food Culture panel focuses on the cuisine of Williams' canon, his favorite meals, and the way we ate during the late 1940s and early 50s. Among the panelists will be Troy Gilbert, author of a cookbook focusing on Williams and his favorite dishes; JoAnn Clevenger, local restaurant owner and culinary historian, and John Mariani, restaurant writer for *Esquire*. Enjoy the discussion with a beverage and a little something to nosh on.

**Panelists:** JoAnn Clevenger, Troy Gilbert, and John Mariani.

**Moderator:** Peggy Scott Laborde.

**The Pelican Club Restaurant, 312 Exchange Alley, \$25 limited seating**  
*Sponsored by the Pelican Club Restaurant.*

**12 P.M.**

**JUMPERS BY JESSICA ALEXANDER (THEATER)**

The University of New Orleans Department of Film, Theatre, and Communication Arts presents the premiere production of "Jumpers" by Jessica Alexander, winner of the Festival's 2012 One-Act Play Contest. In "Jumpers," Mark and Sandrine have the same idea: they've

## DAY OF MUSIC AT THE PALM COURT JAZZ CAFE— DRUMMER AND SMOKE

1204 Decatur Street. Each session included with Festival Panel Pass or \$10 at the door.



### 11:30 A.M. DISCUSSION AND MUSIC CENTERED ON THE BOOK— **ERNIE K-DOE: THE R&B EMPEROR OF NEW ORLEANS**

Author and drummer **Ben Sandmel** will discuss his critically acclaimed book *Ernie K-Doe: The R&B Emperor of*

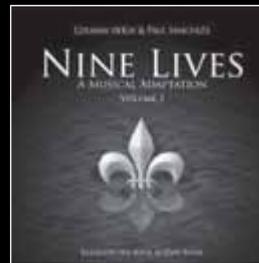
*New Orleans* in a conversation with **Sarah R. Doerries**, editor of the Historic New Orleans Collection's Louisiana Musicians Biography Series. Sandmel will then perform in a musical tribute to Ernie K-Doe, featuring renditions of "Mother-In-Law," "A Certain Girl," and other K-Doe classics led by two of the Emperor's long-time bandstand buddies, singer **Tommy Singleton** and guitarist **Ernie Vincent**.

### 1 P.M. PHIL MELANCON PERFORMS WITH WANDA ROUZAN AND LEAH CHASE

New Orleans pianist/composer **Phil Melancon** and some of New Orleans' most beloved chanteuses will pay tribute to the music of Harold Arlen and Burt Bacharach. The music comes with the incredible lyrics of Johnny Mercer, Yip Harburg, and Hal David. Also included will be a song with lyrics by Truman Capote.

### 2:30 P.M. PAUL SANCHEZ PLAYS **NINE LIVES** (sold out for educational outreach)

Composer and musician **Paul Sanchez** will perform songs from the musical adaptation of Dan Baum's *The New York Times* best seller *Nine Lives*, alongside singers **Arsene DeLay**, **Debbie Davis** and **Vance Vauresson**. Adapted with the help of lyricist **Colman deKay**, the album catalogues the



experiences of "The Nine" from the landfall of Hurricane Betsy in 1965 up to 2005, and features more than 100 musicians from New Orleans. Sanchez maintains that the musical's central character is the city itself. "Forty years in the life of this beautiful character named New Orleans. Because life is what happens between the storms."

both decided to plunge to their death from the perfect spot on the local suicide bridge. When they arrive to commit the deed at the same time, their meeting sparks an argument, a philosophical exploration, a wide-awake adventure, and maybe—just maybe—a change of heart.

**Hotel Monteleone, La Nouvelle Ballroom. Free with Festival Pass or \$10 at the door**

### 1 P.M. READING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Reading is the ultimate private pleasure, and we have more options—old school printed tomes, iPhones, and tablets—than ever to indulge our bibliophilic tendencies. In this panel, our supremely well-read panelists share their digital and print reading lives. Novelist **Michael Cunningham**, and critics **Susan Larson** and **Maureen Corrigan** served as jurors for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction. For the Pulitzer, the trio read hundreds of books in all formats, in addition to their regular reading loads. *The New York Times* literary critic **Dwight Garner** has chronicled his own reading preferences and experiences with different technologies. In this salon for serious readers, panelists will discuss how technologies have altered reading habits, and what this portends for publishing, bookselling, writing, and of course, you the reader.

**Panelists: Maureen Corrigan, Michael Cunningham, and Dwight Garner.**



Judith Chapman in *Vivien*.

*Moderator: Susan Larson.*

**Hotel Monteleone, Royal Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**  
*Sponsored by Robert E. Zetzmann Family Foundation.*

### 1 P.M. **VIVIEN**

**Judith Chapman**, star of *The Young & The Restless*, discusses her work on *Vivien*, a one-woman show about Vivien Leigh, and Vivien's personal connections to Tennessee Williams and the character of Blanche DuBois. Moderated by **Foster Hirsch**.

**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**



### 2 P.M. **THE GNÄDIGES FRÄULEIN (THEATER)**

New Orleans' Four Humours Theater presents *The Gnädiges Fräulein*, a farce about a gossip columnist named Polly, a landlady

named Molly and the “gracious young lady” of the play’s title. A demented plea on the trials of the artist, this riotous one-act play, which opened in 1966, is packed with Tennessee Williams’ poetry at its most gorgeous and surreal.

**Napoleon’s Itch, 734 Bourbon St., \$25**

**1:30 P.M.**

**AUTO-DA-FE BY TENNESSEE WILLIAMS (THEATER)**

**Directed by Jef Hall-Flavin. Starring Cristine McMurdo-Wallis and Ben Berry.**

Eloi Duvenet is over 30 and still lives with his mother. We find the two of them squabbling on the balcony of their Vieux Carre boarding house as the all-too cheerful sounds of trumpets draw closer. In this once-in-a-lifetime staging at the historic Hermann-Grima House, the swing of a live Dixieland band coming down the street rattles the Duvenets. Eloi’s liberation from his mother is interpreted in this year’s must-see spectacle that includes a pageant of performers decked out in authentic costumes from the award-winning befeathered Krewe of Armeinius.

**Hermann-Grima House, 820 St. Louis St., \$25**

*Auto-Da-Fe is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.*

**2 P.M.**

**MOLD BY JOHN BIGUENET**

This world premiere is presented by Southern Rep Theatre and directed by Mark Routhier. See page 14 for more details. **Get tickets at [www.SouthernRep.com](http://www.SouthernRep.com) or (504) 522-6545. Southern Repertory Theatre at the Contemporary Art Center, 900 Camp St.**

**2:30 P.M.**

**CONVERSATION WITH MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM**

Michael Cunningham launched his career by publishing short stories in *The Atlantic Monthly* and *Paris Review*. His debut was an impressive feat for a student still in the midst of his MFA program at Iowa’s Creative Writing Workshop. Cunningham’s early successes were telling omens of what lay ahead—six novels, a Pulitzer Prize, a film adaptation of his novel *The Hours* starring Meryl Streep, Nicole Kidman, and Julianne Moore, as well as many awards and fellowships. Novelist and former journalist Amy Stolls interviews Cunningham to get the stories behind his path to literary success. Expect an engaging discussion of literature and the writing life.

**Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

**2:30 P.M.**

**WRITING MARATHON WRAP-UP WITH RICHARD LOUTH**

**Hotel Monteleone, Royal Ballroom, Festival Panel Pass**

**4:15 P.M.**

**STANLEY AND STELLA SHOUTING CONTEST**

Contestants vie to rival Stanley Kowalski’s shout for “STEL-LAAAAA!!!!” in the unforgettable scene from *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Women contestants are welcome to try a little role reversal and yell for Stanley. Free and open to the public. Prizes will be awarded.

**Jackson Square**

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**7 P.M.**

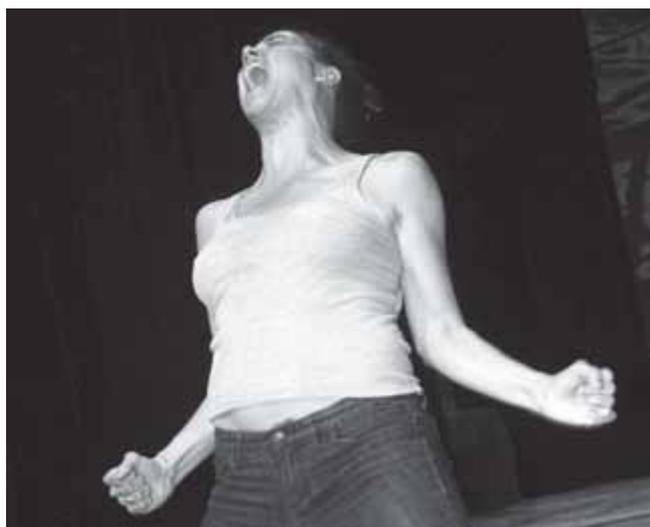
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His debut book, a memoir called *She Ain't Heavy, She's My Mother*, celebrates his Steel Magnolia/Auntie Mame of a mom and depicts growing up in the wild-ly colorful 1970s New Orleans.



**Thomas Beller** is the author of two works of fiction: *Seduction Theory*, and *The Sleep-Over Artist*; and a collection of personal essays, *How To Be A Man*.

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**Judith Chapman** is famed for playing villainess roles in daytime soaps. She is perhaps best known for her

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**Maureen Corrigan** has been the book critic for the Peabody Award-winning NPR program, *Fresh Air*, for 23 years.

She is also Critic-in-Residence and Lecturer at Georgetown University. Corrigan is a mystery columnist for *The Washington Post* and won an Edgar Award for Criticism in 1999. In addition to her literary memoir, *Leave Me Alone, I'm Reading*, she's currently writing a book about the enduring greatness of *The Great Gatsby*. She served as a judge for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, as well as *The Los Angeles Times* Book Prize.



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*Review*, *jubilat*, and *Witness*, among other journals and anthologies. Kore Press published her debut collection, *Skinny*, in 2012. Her poetry has received a PEN Writers Grant, a Southern Arts Federation Grant, and a Louisiana Division of the Arts Fellowship Award in Literature. She teaches at the University of New Orleans.



**Madaline Herlong** is the author of *Buddy*, the story of a boy, a dog, and Hurricane Katrina, and *The Great Wide Sea*,

a YALSA 2010 Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults. Herlong lives in New Orleans where she has raised four sons and briefly practiced and taught law. Before that, she studied at the College of William and Mary with Stephen Marlowe, taught high school in Virginia and Florida, and studied at the University of Virginia with Anne Beattie and James Alan McPherson.



**Greg Herren** is an award-winning author of mysteries for adults and teens. His novel, *Sleeping Angel*, won the

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**Silas House** is the nationally bestselling author of five novels: *Clay's Quilt*, *A Parchment of Leaves*, *The Coal*

*Tattoo*, *Eli the Good*, and *Same Sun Here* (with Neela Vaswani); a work of nonfiction, *Something's Rising: Appalachians Fighting Mountaintop Removal* (with Jason Howard); and three plays. His work has been published in *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, and *Oxford American*. His commentary has been regularly featured on NPR's "All Things Considered." House presently serves as the National Endowment for the Humanities Chair at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky.



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**David Kaplan** is curator and co-founder of the Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theater Festival, author of

*Tennessee Williams in Provincetown*, and editor of *Tenn at*

*One Hundred*. He directs plays around the world. Tennessee Williams plays he has staged include *Suddenly Last Summer* (1993, in Russia in Russian), *The Eccentricities of a Nightingale* (2003, in Cantonese at the Hong Kong Repertory Theater), and *The Day on Which a Man Dies* (2008 world premiere, in Chicago).



**Thomas Keith** edits the Tennessee Williams titles for New Directions, including *The Magic Tower &*

*Other One-Act Plays*, *Mister Paradise & Other One-Act Plays*, and *A House Not Meant to Stand*, for which he wrote the introduction. Keith is an adjunct professor of Theater at Pace University, has taught acting at the Lee Strasberg Institute, and recently served as a dramaturge at the Sundance Theater Institute.



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Laborde is producer and a regular panelist on *Informed Sources*, a weekly news discussion program broadcast on public television station WYES-TV, Channel 12. The winner of over 20 Press Club of New Orleans awards, Laborde has served on the boards and been chairman of The Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival and Le Petit Theatre.



**Peggy Scott Laborde** is the senior producer for WYES-TV and host of "Steppin' Out," New Orleans' only weekly arts

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**Cornell P. Landry**, author of the wildly popular children's book *Goodnight NOLA*, and *Happy Jazz Fest!*

His books are lovable tributes to all things unique to New Orleans. He has also authored such works as *Happy Mardi Gras*, *Le Petit Bonhomme Janvier: The Little January Man*, and *One Dat, Two Dat, are You a Who Dat?* When Landry isn't writing children's books, he runs the Kingfish Grille in old Gretna.



**Susan Larson** is the vice president for literary programming for the Festival. She was the book editor for the New

Orleans Times-Picayune from 1988 to 2009. She hosts The Reading Life on WWNO, 89.9 FM, and is the book critic for "Steppin' Out" on WYES-TV. She is the author of *The Booklover's Guide to New Orleans*, currently being updated for a new edition, and is a member of the National Book Critics Circle.



This will be **Jeremy Lawrence's** eighth appearance at the Festival. This past year he has appeared in *Into*

*the Woods*, *Tartuffe* and as Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*. On film he has been directed by Ron Howard and Brian De Palma. He was also in the cult classic *Critters*, and recently shot a short about blues guitarist Robert Johnson called *Devil Deal Blues*. He won a Bistro Award for his Weimar Berlin themed cabaret show *Lavender Songs*.



**Zachary Lazar** is the author of the novel *Sway*, which was named a Best Book of 2008 by the *Los Angeles Times*,

and praised in such publications as *Rolling Stone*, *Publisher's Weekly*, and *Newsday*. He is also the author of a memoir, *Evening's Empire: The Story of My Father's Murder*. Lazar

is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and the Hodder Fellowship at Princeton University. His writing has appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday*, *BOMB* and other places. He teaches creative writing at Tulane University.



**Allison Leyton-Brown** is an award-winning composer, pianist, and musical director based in NYC.

Allison has written more than 30 original music and sound scores for theatre, dance, opera & film production across the U.S. and Canada. Allison teaches at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, and works regularly as a musical director, bandleader, and recording pianist. She can be seen performing frequently around New York with groups *House of Stride*, *The Great Apes*, and others.



**Alecia Long** is a professor of History and the author of *The Great Southern Babylon: Sex, Race, and Respectability in*

*New Orleans, 1865-1920*, which was awarded the Julia Cherry Spruill Prize for the best work published in Southern Women's History for 2005. She is currently working on a biography tentatively titled *American Clay: the Secrets, Identities and Life of Clay Lavergne Shaw*.



**Carolynn Morrow Long** began visiting New Orleans in 1978, when she became fascinated by the city's history and culture.

She is the author of *Spiritual Merchants: Religion, Magic, and Commerce, A New Orleans Voodoo Priestess: The Legend and Reality of Marie Laveau*, and *Madame Lalaurie, Mistress of the Haunted House*. Also an artist, Long created the cover illustrations for the Laveau and Lalaurie books.

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Writing Project, he created the "New Orleans Writing Marathon" and edited *The Writing Marathon: In Good Company Revealed*. He has published in *Louisiana in Words*, *Country Roads*, and *Louisiana Literature*.



**Kristen-Paige Madonia** is the author of *Fingerprints of You*, a young adult literary novel published in 2012 by

Simon & Schuster. She is the recipient of the D.H. Lawrence Fellowship, the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival Fiction Contest Award, and the Sewanee Writers' Conference Tennessee Williams Scholarship. She holds an MFA from California State University, Long Beach and currently teaches creative writing in Charlottesville, VA.



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**Emily Mann** is an artistic director and resident playwright at McCarter Theatre Center. Her directing credits include:

*A Streetcar Named Desire*; *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*; *The Glass Menagerie*; *Anna in the Tropics*; Mann's own

Tony-nominated Broadway play, *Having Our Say*; Danaï Gurira's *The Convert*; and many more. She won the Dramatists Guild Hull-Warriner Award, Edward Albee Last Frontier Directing Award, and is The National Theatre Conference 2011 Person of the Year.



**John Mariani** is one of America's foremost award-winning food writers and historians, and has been a food and

travel columnist for *Esquire* for 30 years. He is author of *The Encyclopedia of American Food & Drink*, *America Eats Out*, and *How Italian Food Conquered the World*. He received his PhD in English literature from Columbia University.



**Ayana Mathis** is a graduate of the Iowa Writers Workshop and is a recipient of the Michener-Copernicus Fellowship. Her

first novel, *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie*, was selected by Oprah for her Book Club 2.0 selection. Mathis lives in Brooklyn, New York.



**Cristine McMurdo-Wallis** has performed in theatres Off-Broadway and country-wide. Highlights

include: *Nickel and Dimed*; *Angels in America*, *Millennium*; *Perestroika*; and *Cymbeline*, *Collected Stories*. Other theatres include: Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Seattle Rep, Denver Center, The Huntington, Papermill Playhouse, Swine Palace, and Southern Rep.



**Philip Melancon** performs at many local venues with some of the top musicians in the area. He is in tune at the piano of Bayou Bar in the Pontchartrain Hotel and is a featured cabaret performer at the Pontchartrain and Columns Hotels. He performs for children at historic Preservation Hall and

with the agency Young Audiences, has scored local films, and has three original albums under his belt.



**Don Murray** made his Broadway debut in 1951 as Jake Hunter in Tennessee Williams' *The Rose Tattoo*. He

is best known for his work as Beauregard "Bo" Decker in the 1956 film version of *Bus Stop*, where he appeared opposite Marilyn Monroe. His work on *Bus Stop* earned him an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor and a BAFTA nomination for Most Promising Newcomer. In 1979 Murray played Sid Fairgate in the long-running television series "Knots Landing."



**Kathleen Calhoun Nettleton** has worked in all facets of the publishing industry with the indepen-

dent, family-owned Pelican Publishing Company, located in Gretna, LA. She now manages daily operations. Nettleton attended LSU, receiving a degree in marketing, and has held an active role in industry organizations including Publisher's Association of the South, the Small Press Steering Committee of AAP, and on the Board of PAS.



**Nell Nolan** is the social columnist for the *Times-Picayune* newspaper in New Orleans. Nell discusses the

historical origins of young ladies' debuts into society, explains who debutantes are, and describes what the New Orleans debutante season entails. In her role as social columnist, Nell has had a unique vantage point on the pomp and ceremony that surround the official introduction of young ladies to New Orleans' society each season. Nell also shares her insights into how Mardi Gras Queens are selected in this time-honored social tradition.

**Marsha Norman** is a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, screenwriter,



author and teacher. Her works include the book and lyrics for the Broadway musicals *The Secret Garden*, for

which she won a Tony Award, and *The Color Purple*. She currently serves on the faculty of the Juilliard School in New York City, is a former vice-president of the Dramatists Guild of America, co-founder of The Lilly Awards, and a board member of the Writers Guild of America East Foundation.



**Niyi Osundare** is a poet, dramatist, critic, essayist, and media columnist. He has authored 18

books of poetry, two books of selected poems, four plays, a book of essays, and numerous monographs and articles on literature, language, culture, and society. He was educated on three continents: B.A. (Honours) from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria; M.A. from the University of Leeds in England; and Ph.D. from York University, Toronto, Canada.



**Ayesha Pande** represents an eclectic group of authors, including Shilpi Somaya Gowda, Danielle Evans, Patricia Engel,

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**Elena Passarello** is an actor, a writer, and the first female winner of the Festival's Stanley and Stella Shouting

Contest. Her essays have appeared in *Creative Nonfiction*, *Oxford American*, *Slate*, and in the music writing anthology *Pop When the World Falls Apart*. She teaches in Murray State University's low-residency MFA program and in the School of Writing, Literature, and

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novels *Freeman* and *Before I Forget*; the collection *Forward From this Moment: Selected Columns, 1994-2009*, *Daily Triumphs, Tragedies, and Curiosities*, and *Becoming Dad: Black Men and the Journey to Fatherhood*. In a career spanning 35 years, Leonard Pitts, Jr. has been a columnist, a college professor, a radio producer and a lecturer.



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**Brad Richard's** books include *Habitations*; *Motion Studies*, winner of the 2010 Washington Prize and finalist

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The author of several books on poetry and feminist studies, she is a

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**Paul Sanchez** is a vocalist, songwriter and guitarist. He was a founding member of the rock group Cowboy Mouth, and

toured with them for 15 years. He left just after Hurricane Katrina in 2006 and published a book in 2009, *Pieces Of Me*, which deals with his sense of life, loss and rebuilding after the flood. Paul appears as himself in season one and two of the HBO series "Treme" and has released six CDs since the flood.



For the past twenty-nine years, **Michael Sartisky** has been President and Executive Director of the Louisiana

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**John Patrick Shanley** is a Bronx-born screenwriter, director, and playwright. He is best known for such works as

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**Ben Sandmel** is a New Orleans-based journalist, folklorist, drummer, and producer. He is the author of

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**Harry Shearer** is an actor, author, director, comedian, musician, political satirist, record-company owner, and one of the

best “voices” in the business (just ask *The Simpsons*). A published novelist (*Not Enough Indians*), exhibited artist (*Telethesia* at the Fullerton Museum Center and *Wall of Science* at MOCA) and celebrated broadcaster (his satirical sandbox *Le Show* is heard weekly on stations around the world), Shearer is a true renaissance man.



Novelist and publisher **Julie Smith** is the author of more than twenty mysteries, most set in New Orleans and

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**David Henry Sterry** is the co-author of *The Essential Guide to Getting Your Book Published*, plus eleven

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*Between Heaven and Here* is the final book in the Rio Seco trilogy. *Take One Candle Light a Room* was

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**Kit Wohl** is a writer, photographer, graphic designer and artist. She is the CEO of Wohl &

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**Geoff Wyss’** collection of short stories, *How*, won the Ohio State University Prize in Short Fiction and

was published in 2012. His first novel, *Tiny Clubs*, was published in 2007. His fiction has appeared in *Glimmer Train*, *Tin House*, *Painted Bride Quarterly*, *New Orleans Review*, *Image*, and *New Stories from the South* 2006 and 2009, among others.



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**Added to the program:**

**Michael Arata** has appeared in over 70 film and television programs and dozens of theatre pro-



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