

# Poetry in the spotlight

Some of Portland's freshest writers and poets will take the stage in Portland during Poetry Press Week and LitHop.

Poetry Press Week kicks off at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 7 at Disjecta, 8371 N Interstate Ave. The event is a hybrid between a poetry reading and a fashion show, at least that's how PPW's creator Liz Mehl describes it. Going into its second cycle, the biannual event brings together poets, press and publishers. A poet will choose readers or models to read the poet's new and unpublished work. In the audience will be representatives from publishing house representative from across the nation, as well as the press and the public. Publishers can hear the poet's work and proposition the poets for publishing rights then and there, omitting the general process of submitting poetry via mail and then waiting for a response.

This year's reading will feature poets

from around the nation: Albert Goldbarth, Zachary Schomburg, Carl Adamshick, Julia Claire Tillinghast, KMA Sullivan, Chrys Tobey, Zubair Ahmed, and Veronica Martin.

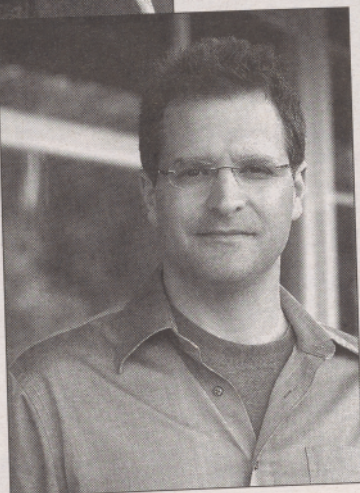
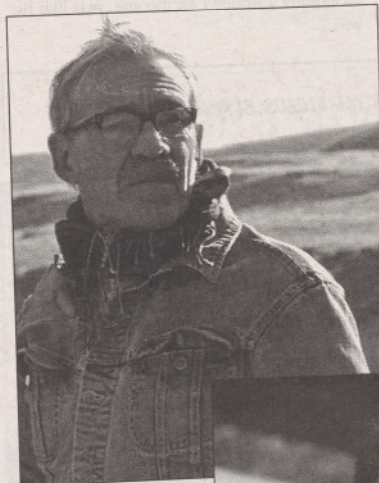
PPW is produced by Liz Mehl and Justin Rigamonti, for more information visit poetrypressweek.squarespace.com

The second LitHop starts at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 12 and spans various locations in a single night. The event is a smorgasboard of literary arts. Modeled after a pub crawl, LitHop takes place in six venues along Alberta Street with 54 simultaneous readings throughout the night. Participants are encouraged to bounce around between locations hearing from a variety of readers each sponsored by a publisher, reading series or organization.

The event is produced by Kevin Sampsell of Future Tense Books, author Jeff Alessandrelli and poet Bryan Coffelt. For more information visit lithoppdx.com.



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## LitHop line up

**Hawthorne Books**  
Cruzroom (2338 NE Alberta)  
7:00 Tom Spanbauer  
7:15 Michael Sage Ricci  
7:30 Kerry Cohen  
8:00 James Bernard Frost  
8:15 Monica Drake  
8:30 Kassten Alonso  
9:00 Loretta Stinson  
9:15 Scott Nadelson  
9:30 Jay Ponteri

**Eraserhead Press**  
Bunk Bar & Via Chicago Back  
Patio (all ages) (2017 NE  
Alberta)  
7:00 Mykle Hansen  
7:15 Tiffany Scandal  
7:30 J. David Osborne  
8:00 Cameron Pierce  
8:15 Karl Fischer  
8:30 Carlton Mellick III  
9:00 Kirsten Alene  
9:15 Vince Kramer  
9:30 Jeff Burk

**The IPRC**  
Ampersand Gallery & Fine  
Books (all ages) (2916 NE  
Alberta)  
7:00 Zach Auburn  
7:15 Joshua James Amberson  
7:30 Moe Bowstern  
8:00 Justin Hocking  
8:15 Martha Grover  
8:30 Michael Heald  
9:00 Natalie Briggs  
9:15 Noland Bo Chaliha  
9:30 Emily Kendal Frey

**Publication Studio**  
Anna Bannana's (all ages)  
(2403 NE Alberta)  
7:00 Zosia Wiatr  
7:15 Mike Harper  
7:30 Timmy Straw  
8:00 Dan Gilsdorf  
8:15 Ryann Bosetti  
8:30 Elizabeth Bidart

9:00 Mackenzie Courtney  
9:15 Rob Schlegel  
9:30 Ashby Collinson

**Unchaste Readers**  
The Knock Back Bar (2315 NE  
Alberta)  
7:00 Becca Yenser  
7:15 Judy Ossello  
7:30 Wendy Chin-Tanner  
8:00 Cari Luna  
8:15 Flavia Rocha  
8:30 Sidony O'neal  
9:00 Intisar Abioto  
9:15 Johanna Stein  
9:30 Paula Bomer

**Alice Blue**  
Branch Whiskey & Bella Faccia  
Back Patio (2934 NE Alberta)  
7:00 Dennis Sweeney  
7:15 Robert P Kaye  
7:30 Sarah Bartlett  
8:00 Tara Atkinson  
8:15 Michael Rerick  
8:30 Stacey Levine  
9:00 Tyler Brewington  
9:15 JR Walsh  
9:30 Zhang Er



Pictured, clockwise from top: Paula Bomer, Kerry Cohen, James Bernard Frost, Jay Ponteri, Tom Spanbauer, Intisar Abioto,

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