

Get Lit announces 2019 author lineup

CANNON BEACH — Tolovana Arts Colony's eighth annual Get Lit at the Beach: A Gathering for Readers is pleased to announce the acclaimed authors who will participate this year, from Friday evening, April 5, until noon Sunday, April 7.

Authors Terry Brooks, Pierce Brown, Deb Caletti, Carol Cassella, Sophia Shalmiyev and Leni Zumas will be present to mingle, sign books and tell stories to an enthusiastic crowd at the Surfsand Ballroom in Cannon Beach.

Brown is the author of the immensely popular "Red Rising" series. While trying to make it as a writer, he worked as a manager of social media at a startup tech company, toiled as a peon on the Disney lot at ABC Studios, did his time as an NBC page and gave sleep deprivation a new meaning during his stint as an aide on a U.S. Senate campaign.

Caletti is the author of more than 16 books for adults and young adults. She's been a National Book Award finalist, a finalist for the PEN USA award, and her books have won the Washington State Book Award and the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award, among other distinctions. Her newest YA novel, "A Heart in a Body in the World," earned four-star reviews and was a New York Public Library, Chicago Public Library, KCLS and Booklist "Best Book of 2018."

Cassella is a practicing physician and the national bestselling author of three novels, "Gemini," "Healer" and "Oxygen." Her books have been finalists for the Washington State Book Award and highlighted as top choices by Library Jour-



(From top left) Authors Pierce Brown, Carol Cassella, Deb Caletti, Sophia Shalmiyev, Leni Zumas, Paul Zitarella, Peter Lindsey and Terry Brooks.

ON SATURDAY STARTING AT 10 A.M. AT THE SURFSAND BALLROOM, AUTHORS WILL GIVE FEATURED PRESENTATIONS AND SIGN BOOKS. SATURDAY EVENING FEATURES A HOSTED DINNER WITH DEB CALETTI AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER.

nal, BookList, Harpers Bazaar, People Magazine, Poets & Writers, Women's Day and USA Today among others.

Shalmiyev emigrated from Leningrad to NYC in 1990. She is an MFA graduate of Portland State University with a second master's degree in creative arts therapy from the School of Visual Arts. She lives in Portland with her two chil-

dren. "Mother Winter" is her first book.

Zumas' novel "Red Clocks" was a New York Times Editors' Choice, an Amazon Best Book of the Month, and an Indie Next pick. It was named as a Best Book of 2018 by The Atlantic, Huffington Post, Entropy and the New York Public Library. *Vulture* called it one of the 100 Most Important Books of the 21st Century So Far.

Brooks has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from World Fantasy and is one of the biggest-selling writers of fantasy living today. He is best known for his 26-book "Shannara" series.

The festivities begin at an author's reception on Friday evening from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cannon Beach Community Hall. There will be complimentary beverages, hors d'oeuvres and a chance to meet the authors.

After the reception attendees are encouraged to attend the new Lit Crawl.

This event is free and open to the public. Author and local favorite Peter Lindsey will read at the Cannon Beach Library from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. From there participants can move to The Wine Shack to hear Paul Zitarella introduce his new book, "36 Bottles of Wine," and sample different varietals of wines featured in his book.

On Saturday starting at 10 a.m. at the Surfsand Ballroom, authors will give featured presentations and sign books. Saturday evening features a hosted dinner with Deb Caletti as keynote speaker.

On Sunday morning, at the Coaster Theatre Playhouse, Get Lit will conclude with a 10 a.m. Q-and-A with all authors on stage. There will be complimentary coffee and pastries.

"Get Lit at the Beach is the best party I ever went to," author Ursula K. Le Guin said.

For more information, visit GetLitAtTheBeach.com.



THE WRITER'S GUILD
ASTORIA OREGON

Poet Francisco Aragon reads at WineKraft

Group celebrates AWP with special event March 26

ASTORIA — For March, the Writer's Guild has decided to celebrate the Association of Writers and Writing Programs coming to Portland this year with a special AWP reading featuring visiting poet Francisco Aragon.

The reading — taking place at WineKraft, 80 10th St., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 — will also feature other local writers participating in the AWP

conference.

Aragon is the author of two books of poetry and a faculty member at the University of Notre Dame, where he teaches creative writing. The AWP conference will be held Wednesday through Saturday, March 27 through 30, at the Portland Convention Center.

If you're going to AWP and interested in reading at WineKraft, let us know by emailing info@thewritersguild.org. Either way, we hope to see you there — it's going to be a fabulous literary evening.

Hey, artist: need a rent-free studio?

Astoria Visual Arts seeks applications from local artists interested in working in a rent-free studio from May 1 through Aug. 31.

The deadline for applications is midnight Sunday, April 7.

The successful candidate(s) will be provided with studio space in the Astoria Downtown Historic District free of charge for the residency period. Those who

have applied in the past are encouraged to reapply with an updated portfolio and artist's statement.

AVA a-i-r (artist-in-residence) is supported by membership dues and contributions from supporters of Astoria Visual Arts and by the generosity of the Astoria Coffeehouse & Bistro. For information on how to apply, visit astoriavisualarts.org/ava-a-i-r.html.