



JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR

Midnight Special Bookstore

New events are added all the time -- pick up your calendar weekly

FRIDAYS, 8 p.m. OPEN AND FEATURED POETRY -- Open readings every Friday promptly at 8 p.m. Sign-up starts at 7:30 p.m. Five minute time limit. Featured readers are chosen from the open readers. Prizes every Friday. Please be rehearsed and stay under time limit. See calendar for up-coming featured readers.

SATURDAYS, 1-4 p.m. -- POETRY WORKSHOP -- Every Saturday from 1-4 p.m.. Bring 15 copies for positive and constructive feedback or come and listen. New and seasoned poets of all ages are welcome.

- 7/23 Fri, 8 p.m. -- **MARISELA NORTE** and **MICHELE SERROS** are tonight's featured readers at the weekly open and featured poetry series! Norte's C.D. NORTE/word, from New Alliance Records will be available. Sign-up for the open reading at 7:30 as always.
- 7/24 Sat, 8 p.m. -- **TREY ELLIS**, author of Platitudes, reads and signs his new book HOME RE PAIRS. According to Publisher's Weekly: "A stunning look at a new generation of middle-class African Americans -- and a hilarious tale of unrequited love. Ellis' follow-up to Platitudes chronicles a young man's obsessive search for sexual fulfillment...His fine novel considers aspects of black life and attitudes rarely covered in fiction or the media.
- 7/27 Tues, 7:30 p.m. -- **SIBYL JAMES**, reads from her book The Adventures of Stout Mama, "a collection of humorous and insightful vignettes exploring the escapades of a forty-something bohemian."
- 7/30 Fri, 8 p.m. -- **OPEN AND FEATURED POETRY SERIES** -- This week in lieu of featured readers the series hosts a publication party for **Iguana Literary Magazine**.
- 8/5 Thurs, 7-10 p.m. -- **UCLA EXTENSION -- Short-Short Story Class** -- Join us for a reading with members of Jamie Callan's short-short story class.
- 8/6 Fri, 8 p.m. -- **LAUREL ANNE BOGAN** is tonight's featured reader at the **Open and Featured Poetry Reading**. An open reading follows. Sign-up at 7:30 as always.
- 8/7 Sat, 5-7 p.m. -- **MARIA ERSILA** and **ALIETE GUERRERO** present a reading of their recent prose and poetry.
- 8/9 Mon, 7:30 p.m. -- **BOOKSELLERS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** with **LEW ROSENBAUM** and others.

(Please see other side for more events)



Calendar continued...

- 8/13 Fri, 8 p.m. -- **AMER-I-KKKA'S NIGHTMARE** -- Introduction to the Homeless Writer's Coalition New Performance Troupe CD. Jackie Townsend, Dino Lewis and others from the performance C.D. present works from the C.D. as part of Friday's open and featured poetry series. An open reading follows.
- 8/16 Mon, 7:30 -- **ARTIST'S RECEPTION** for Lori Burkhalter-Lackey. For more information, see Art Show below.
- 8/19 Thurs, 7:30 p.m. -- **RADICAL TEACHERS FORUM** -- "Mapping the Post-Modern I"
- 8/22 Sun, 5 p.m. -- **HOMELESSNESS FORUM** -- Speaker to include **DINO LEWIS** and **JACKIE TOWNSEND** of the Homeless Writers' Coalition, attorney **BOB MYERS**, and others.
- 8/27 Fri, 8 p.m. -- **OPEN AND FEATURED POETRY SERIES** -- This week, in lieu of featured readers, Midnight Special hosts a publication party for OFP Magazine. An open reading will follow. Sign-up at 7:30 p.m.
- 8/28 Sat, 7:30 p.m. -- **BERNARD COOPER** reads and signs his book A Year of Rhymes. From the author of Maps To Anywhere, winner of the PEN/Hemingway Award, comes a first novel which offers an unforgettable portrait of a young boy enduring, simultaneously, the discovery of his attraction to other men and the slow death of his brother to leukemia.
- 8/29 Sun, 5-7 p.m. -- **CÉCILIA BRAINARD'S** Introduction to Fiction Writing Class (UCLA Extension) hosts a reading. All are welcome to come and listen.
- 9/4 Sat, 7 p.m. -- **THE ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN JOURNAL, Issue #3** -- Witness Aloud explores the many facets of the lesbian, gay and bisexual Asian/Pacific American experience, such as relationships, family, activism, sexuality, ethnic identity, and living with HIV. The first anthology to be written by, for, and about lesbian, gay and bisexual APAs, this issue gives voice to over 30 writers from all over the country. Several writers from the anthology will present a reading and discussion.
- 9/5 Sun, 6 p.m. -- **GREIL MARCUS, IRENE OPPENHEIM, AND TIMOTHY STEELE** appear for a reading to celebrate the publication of a new anthology of essays drawn from The Threepenny Review, a quarterly arts and literature magazine. Titled Hiding In Plain Sight: Essays in Criticism & Autobiography, the essay book has already received a starred review in *Publishers Weekly*. In addition to readings from the anthology, Oppenheim will give a brief update on the labor dispute at **Canter's** and **WENDY LESSER**, founding editor of The Threepenny Review, will give an introduction to the authors.
- 9/7 Tues, 7:30 p.m. -- Join us for a discussion with **TRINH T. MINH-HA**, filmmaker, writer and composer whose works include *Reassemblage* (1982), *Naked Spaces - Living is Round* (1985), *Surname Viet Given Name Nam* (1989), a film on identity and culture through the struggle of Vietnamese women; and more recently, *Shoot for the Contents* (1991), a film on culture, art and politics in China. Her books include *En minuscules* (poems, 1987), *Un Art sans oeuvre* (on contemporary arts, 1981), *African Spaces - Designs for Living in Upper Volta* (in coll. with Jean-paul Bourdier, 1985), *Women, Native, Other* (on post-coloniality and feminism, 1989) *When the Moon Waxes Red*, (on representation, gender and cultural politics, 1991) and *Framer Framed* (on film, 1992). She will be teaching as Visiting Professor in Women's Studies and Film at Harvard University next Fall.

Coming in July/August... The LA Festival (8/20-10/3) including NAOMISHIHAB-NYE and SHIRLEY KAUFMAN (9/11), Trudi Alexy (9/12), Susan Zakin (9/15), bell hooks (9/16), Mark Plotkin (9/28), Marita Golden (10/3), Louis Garcia Robinson (10/4), SOS Hunger Project (10/5), Peter Dale Scott (10/27), Victor Perera (10/28) and Lesley Brown, editor-in-chief of the New OED.

JULY ART SHOW

JOVENES, INC. -- This very special art show is intended to promote the Jovenes, Inc. art workshop. Jovenes, Inc. is a local non-profit organization that serves homeless youth with no questions asked. Youth are offered food, clothing, shelter and counseling. The Art Workshop, located downtown, is a place where youth can "practice their art" Mondays thru Fridays from noon to six. Transportation and supplies are provided free of charge to participants. This month's show will consist entirely of work coming out of this program.

LORI-LACKEY BURKHOLTER -- This series of photographs focuses on women's issues and particularly those of aged women. As an artist, Burkhalter-Lackey has been exploring these themes for several years with her unique eye. A graduate of the Otis/Parsons Institute, she has been published in seven books dealing with similar themes in her long association with Papier Mache Press. After finishing a successful local book earlier this year for her most recent collaboration with Paper Mache *If I Had My Life To Live Over I Would Pick More Daisies* and the well-known anthology *When I Am An Old Woman I Shall Wear Purple*, Burkhalter-Lackey now looks at this topic from her own original perspective. Her show will be on display for the month of August. Papier Mache books will be available as well. *Coming in September...Franceska Schifrin.*

Questions? For further information about the Cultural Center call Tamara Zwick at (310) 393-2923.