

Author Stages

Friday, May 29th 2009

Downtown Stage

10:00 AM – Media Zone Live...sponsored by the Idpf

Overdrive, Sony, LibreDigital, Amazon (Aptara)

Learn about the latest digital offerings from eight of the most influential companies in the industry today. Four 15 minute illustrative presentations will provide a concise perspective of the latest in digital services, tools and ebook readers.

11:00 AM – Galeano and the Unofficial History of the World

Host: Lewis Lapham, Editor, Lapham's Quarterly

Author: Eduardo Galeano, MIRRORS: STORIES OF ALMOST EVERYONE – Perseus Books

12:00 PM – Social Media

Host: Ed Nawotka, Publisher's Weekly

Authors: Chris Brogan, TRUST AGENTS: USING THE WEB TO BUILD INFLUENCE, IMPROVE REPUTATION AND EARN TRUST - Wiley;

Erik Qualman, SOCIALNOMICS: HOW SOCIAL MEDIA TRANSFORMS THE WAY WE LIVE AND DO BUSINESS - Wiley

1:30 PM - Gamal Al Ghitani

Gamal Al Ghitani, the winner of the Sheikh Zayed Award For Literature 2009 and author of the novel PYRAMID TEXTS (American University of Cairo Press 2005), discusses his latest novel, THE ZAFARANI FILES; the intrigues of an old Cairo quarter, in a parable about political and personal freedoms.

2:00 PM – Do Publishers Still Hold the Keys to the Kingdom? A Panel of Authors Weigh In

Host: Steven Johnson, author of THE INVENTION OF AIR - Penguin, THE GHOST MAP, EVERYTHING BAD IS GOOD FOR YOU

Authors: Chris Anderson, editor-in-chief, Wired, author of, FREE: THE PAST AND FUTURE OF A RADICAL PRICE - Hyperion;

Tom Standage, Business Editor, The Economist, author of AN EDIBLE HISTORY OF HUMANITY – Bloomsbury USA;

Lev Grossman, Sr. Writer & Book Critic, Time, author of THE MAGICIANS - Penguin

3:30 PM – Authors of Editor's Buzz

Host: John Freeman, US editor, Granta

Authors: Brandon Sanderson, THE GATHERING STORM – Tor Books;

Jonathan Tropper, THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU - Dutton

4:30 PM – Cannon Tales US...sponsored by Macmillan

The first U.S. adaptation: ten presenters who are at the forefront of what is exciting in publishing now will be given seven minutes each to present their stories to the crowd.

Presenters: Debbie Stier, Harper Studio; Richard Nash, former publisher of Soft Skull; Lauren Cerand, PR rep; Jeff Yamaguchi, Digital Marketing, Random House; Matt Supko, Web Content Coordinator for the ABA and creator of the IndieBound iPhone app

Uptown Stage

10:30 AM – Literary Lions

Host: Charles McGrath, The New York Times

Authors: John Irving, LAST NIGHT IN TWISTED RIVER – Random House;

Pat Conroy, SOUTH OF BROAD - Doubleday

11:30 AM – Memoir

Host: A.J. Jacobs, author of THE KNOW-IT-ALL and THE YEAR OF LIVING BIBLICALLY, and editor-at-large, Esquire
Authors: Byron Pitts, STEP OUT ON NOTHING – St. Martins Press;
David Small, STITCHES: A MEMOIR – W.W. Norton & Company

12:30 PM – What Really Matters: Living in the Age of Obama

Host: Tavis Smiley, PBS talk show host and one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People
Author: Cornel West, BROTHER WEST: LIVING AND LOVING OUT LOUD - SmileyBooks
Discover what one of the nation's most provocative public intellectuals thinks about race, culture, and politics in the age of Obama.

1:30 PM – Financial Meltdown

Host: John Eckberg, Business columnist, Cincinnati Enquirer, author of THE SUCCESS EFFECT – Sterling & Ross Publishers
Authors: Ali Velshi, GIMME MY MONEY BACK: YOUR GUIDE TO BEATING THE FINANCIAL CRISIS - Sterling & Ross Publishers;
Jacob Gold, FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE: GETTING BACK TO BASICS AFTER AN ECONOMIC MELTDOWN - Sterling & Ross Publishers

2:30 PM – Biography

Host: Ben Moser, Harper's Magazine
Authors: William Mann, HOW TO BE A MOVIE STAR: ELIZABETH TAYLOR IN HOLLYWOOD – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt;
Terry Teachout, POPS: A LIFE OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

4:00 PM – Mystery

Host: Sarah Weinman, Confessions of an Idiosyncratic Mind
Authors: James Ellroy, BLOOD'S A ROVER – Random House;
Colin Harrison, RISK - Picador

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11:00 AM – Michael Sandel, author, JUSTICE

Author: Michael Sandel, JUSTICE – Farrar, Straus & Giroux
Mr. Sandel is the most popular undergraduate course at Harvard. His BEA presentation will reflect his ideas and style of instruction on civic thinking and citizenship, which are expanded upon in his forthcoming book.

12:00 PM – Stage to Page

Host: Ron Hogan, Beatrice.com
Authors: Adam Rapp, BALL PEEN HAMMER – First Second Books;
David Rabe, MR. WELLINGTON - First Second Books

1:00 PM – Children's Picture Books

Host: Jenny Brown, Shelf Awareness
Authors: Amy Hest, WHEN YOU MEET A BEAR ON BROADWAY – Macmillan Children's Publishing;
Nick Bruel, HAPPY BIRTHDAY BAD KITTY - Macmillan Children's Publishing

2:00 PM – YA Authors of YA Editor's Buzz

Host: David Levithan, Vice President, Editorial Director, Scholastic Trade Publishing
Authors: Danica Novgorodoff, REFRESH, REFRESH - First Second Books;
Laini Taylor, LIPS TOUCH - Arthur A. Levine Books;
Sarwat Chadda, THE DEVIL'S KISS - Disney/Hyperion;
James Dashner, THE MAZE RUNNER - Delacorte Press for Young Readers;
Adriana Trigiani; VIOLA IN REEL LIFE - HarperCollins Children's Books;
Jill S. Alexander; THE SWEETHEART OF PROSPER COUNTY - Feiwel & Friends

3:30 PM – Authors of Indie Buzz

Host: Heather Shaw, Executive Editor, ForeWord
Authors: Michael Burke, SWAN DIVE – Pleasure Boat Studio;
Michael Greenberg, BLACK SUIT, WORN ONCE – Other Press;
James G. Anderson & Mark Sebanc, THE STONEHOLDING: LEGACY OF THE STONE
HARP: BOOK ONE – Baen Books;
Amy Foster, WHEN AUTUMN LEAVES – Overlook Press

4:30 PM - Rachid El Daif

Rachid El Daif, born 1945, is an acclaimed Lebanese writer and professor of literature at universities in Paris and Toulouse, France.

Uptown Stage

10:30 AM – Alternate History

Host: Jenny Brown, Shelf Awareness
Authors: Scott Westerfeld, LEVIATHAN – Simon & Schuster;
Cassie Clare, CLOCKWORK PRINCESS: THE INFERNAL DEVICES #1 - Simon &
Schuster;
Holly Black, WHITE CAT - Simon & Schuster

11:30 AM – Taking Woodstock: The Book and The Movie

Presenter: Elliot Tiber, author, TAKING WOODSTOCK – Square One Publishers
Elliot Tiber will discuss his own personal history and his role in Woodstock, the unique story behind his book and the movie, which will be released this summer by Focus Features; directed by Ang Lee starring Demetri Martin in the role of Elliot Tiber.

12:30 PM – Sci Fi

Host: Chris Schlupe, Editor, Del Rey
Authors: China Mieville, THE CITY & THE CITY – Random House;
John Ringo, EYE OF THE STORM – Baen Books;
Kelly Link, PRETTY MONSTERS: STORIES – Random House

2:00 PM – Emerging Voices

Host: MJ Rose, author, THE MEMOIRIST
Authors: Kwei Quartey, WIFE OF THE GODS; Grant Ginder, THIS IS HOW IT STARTS; Naseem Rakha, THE CRYING TREE; Nic Brown, FLOODMARKERS

3:00 PM – Captain Chesley B. Sullenberger, III; Special Presentation and Autographing

Captain Sullenberger who, along with his crew, safely landed US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River, appears at the convention as a Guest of Honor. He will speak and sign autographs.