

Lit Fest 2009

THE MID-COLUMBIA Literary Festival

Proudly presents the following events in 2009

All events will be at 7pm on the HUB main stage on the CBC Pasco campus, open to the public and free of charge, unless otherwise stated.

JEANNINE HALL GAILEY AND PAUL BRIANS

Poetry and Lecture
Thursday, February 12

Jeannine Hall Gailey's first book of poetry, *Becoming the Villainess*, was published by Steel Toe Books in 2006. Her work has been featured on NPR's *The Writer's Almanac* and on *Verse Daily*. Her chapbook, *Female Comic Book Superheroes*, is available from Pudding House Press. Her inspirations often come from mythological sources, such as *Ovid's Metamorphoses* or *The Tales of Genji*, folk and fairy tale collections, and of course, comic books.



Paul Brians recently retired as Professor of English at Washington State University where his teaching and scholarship has focused on elements of popular culture as they relate to literary studies, particularly science fiction. His lecture will discuss how the representation of the "science fiction heroine" has changed in the past century, focusing on representation of women in *Flash Gordon*, *Buck Rogers*, and the original *Star Wars* series.



SANDRA CISNEROS

Poetry and Fiction
Tuesday, May 5 • Location: Gjerde Center

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the publication of Cisneros', *The House on Mango Street*, which won the American Book Award in 1985. Sandra Cisneros was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1954. She and her six brothers grew up in Mexico and Chicago. Cisneros earned a B.A. in English from Loyola University of Chicago and an M.F.A. from the University of Iowa. Her books of poetry include *Loose Woman*, *My Wicked*, *Wicked Ways*, *The Rodrigo Poems*, and *Bad Boys*. She is also the author of *Caramelo*; *Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories* (1991), which won the Quality Paperback Book Club New Voices Award, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, and the Lannan Foundation Literary Award; and a bilingual children's book, *Hairs: Pelitos*. Her articles and reviews have appeared in publications including *Glamour*, *The New York Times*, and *Revista Chicano-Riquena*. Among her honors are fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the MacArthur Foundation. She has taught at many colleges and universities, including the University of California, University of Michigan, and the University of New Mexico. She lives in San Antonio, Texas.



SCOTT NADELSON

Fiction
Thursday, March 12

Scott Nadelson is author of two story collections, *The Cantor's Daughter*, winner of the Samuel Goldberg & Sons Fiction Prize for Emerging Jewish Writers, and *Saving Stanley: The Brickman Stories*, winner of the Oregon Book Award for short fiction and the Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award. He teaches at Willamette University.



CELEBRATING YOUNG WRITERS

Saturday, May 9 - 1pm • Barnes and Noble (Columbia Center Mall)

Join us at Barnes & Noble at the Columbia Center Mall for a celebration honoring the winners of our annual Student Writing Competition. Refreshments will be served!



SAMUEL GREEN-POET LAUREATE OF WASHINGTON

Book Arts Lecture and Workshop
Wednesday, April 22

Sam Green is Washington's inaugural Poet Laureate. He is the author of ten poetry collections and has served as editor of a small press focusing on the work of Washington poets. In this workshop, attendees will learn how to create three variations of a chapbook/pamphlet and a one-page magical booklet.



GERARDO CALDERON AND CINDY WILLIAMS GUTIERREZ

Poetry and Music
Thursday, May 21

Join poet Cindy Williams Gutierrez and musician Gerardo Calderon for a journey to the spirit of ancient Mexico. Through a live performance of Aztec-styled poetry and music, this collaborative presentation engages in a haunting dialogue with "the ones who have gone before." Gerardo Calderon studies classical guitar at the Escuela Superior de Musica in Mexico City. He plays a variety of Latin stringed instruments, as well as pre-Columbian instruments such as clay flutes, silvato de viento, teponaztles, huehuetl, tambores de agua and tenabaris. Cindy Williams Gutierrez is a poet-dramatist who collaborates with artists in music, theatre, and visual art.



LIGO

Thursday, June 4 • Panel Discussion • Presented by LIGO Hanford Observatory

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