



Saturday, May 15, 2027

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Bohrer Park • 506 S. Frederick Avenue

Gaithersburg, MD • gaithersburgbookfestival.org

Application & Notification Process

To be considered for a slot on one of our stages, please submit the following materials by November 1, 2026:

- Completed application.
Two galleys/finished copies of the book you wish to promote; PDF is acceptable for the review process as long as hard copies are sent when available.

Applicants will be emailed with a selection decision by the end of February 2027.

If you are selected as a Featured Author:

- You will receive an acceptance email that will both provide and request further information.
- You will be given a presentation timeslot and space for a book signing following your presentation. (The festival presentation schedule will be finalized by late March, 2027)
- You will be provided with someone to introduce you prior to your presentation.
- The ordering and sale of your books will be handled by our bookseller, Politics & Prose Bookstore, unless Politics & Prose determines that an author will need to sell his/her own books. (We will notify authors individually if that is necessary)
- The Gaithersburg Book Festival is not able to assist with travel expenses, but may be able to assist with hotel accommodations, if needed.
- Please be aware that your presentation may be photographed and/or filmed by the City of Gaithersburg, C-SPAN, or other media.

If you are NOT selected as a featured author, and wish to participate as an exhibitor:

We recommend that you submit an exhibitor application with payment while you wait to hear about the status of your featured author application. Should you be accepted as a featured author, we will cancel your exhibitor application and issue you a refund.

The exhibiting author application can be found on the Festival website at www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org in early February 2027. Spaces are limited, so apply early.

Application to Participate as a 2027 GBF Poetry Featured Author

Application Deadline: January 31, 2027

For more information, please contact: Serena Augusto-Cox at sagustocox@gmail.com

BOOK INFORMATION

Author Name: _____

Book Title: _____

Publication Date*: _____ ISBN-13: _____

*Book must be available for sale by May 15, 2027, to be considered.

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF BOOK (please attach press release separately, if available):

PUBLISHER INFORMATION

Publishing Company: _____ Publisher Contact: _____

Publisher Contact Phone #: _____ Publisher Contact Email _____

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

City*: _____ State*: _____

Email (required): _____

Preferred Phone #: _____

Website Address: _____

*If Contact is a publicist, please provide city and state for the author: _____

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS TO:

Gaithersburg Book Festival Presenter ~ 8200 Seneca View Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20882

For Office Use Only: Date Received: _____ Acceptance: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date Notified: _____