

"It probably started with poetry: almost everything does." —RAYMOND CHANDLER, as quoted in *Cultural Correspondence*

# NIGHT AND THE CITY

## L.A. NOIR IN POETRY, FICTION AND FILM

PRESENTED BY  
THE LOS ANGELES  
POETRY FESTIVAL

WITH BEYOND  
BAROQUE LITERARY  
ARTS CENTER

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 P.M.

#### Noir Immersion\*

Keynote speaker: **Robert Polito**  
Poet, biographer, Dir. Writing Programs, The New School, NYC, editor of *Library of America Crime Novels of the 30s and 40s*, and *Crime Novels of the 50s* • With special guest **Cristy Knowings**, virtuoso noir singer. Plus short film inspired by Robert Polito's poetry collection *Hollywood & God*  
BEYOND BAROQUE LITERARY ARTS CENTER  
681 Venice Blvd. • Venice 90291 • (310) 822-3006  
**Special event:** \$6 members • \$10 non-members • \$5 students  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 310-822-3006**

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30 P.M.

#### Ventura Noir: Grifters, Drifters, and Shady Ladies

A sultry, disreputable crew of poets  
Hosts: **Friday Lubina** and **Marsha de la O**  
ARTISTS' UNION GALLERY • 330 S. California Street • Ventura 93001 • Admission: \$7

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

6 P.M.

#### Searching for Crime in the Shadow of Mt. Baldy

Featured reading and open reading of noir classics  
**Tony Barnstone, Sonny Frazier, John Brantingham**  
MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE  
Bldg. 28 A, Rm. 103 • 1100 N. Grand Avenue • Walnut 91789 • (909) 594-5611, ext. 4860

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

2 P.M.

#### Kiss of Truth: Noir Women

Poet **Carol Lem** (*Gathering the Pieces*), **Naomi Hirahara** (Edgar Allan Poe Award winner)  
3 P.M. Screening: *The Crimson Kimono*  
Introduction by noir scholar **Alan K. Rode**  
THE JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM  
369 East First Street • Downtown L.A. 90012 • Admission: \$9 adults • \$5 seniors and children

### OFFICIAL KICK-OFF

7 P.M.

#### PEN CENTER USA PRESENTS Lit Crawl 3: Bar Noir

A bar crawl through downtown Los Angeles with performances of classic noir literature at each stop. Noir dress encouraged. • Admission: FREE • Guests must be 21 and over • Please visit [www.penusa.org](http://www.penusa.org) for more information and to download the *Lit Crawl 3: Bar Noir* map

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7 P.M.

#### Noir Genius:

#### Weldon Kees and Jorge Luis Borges

**Jamie Fitzgerald, Dana Gioia, Lou Mathews, Robert Mezey, Mariano Zaro**  
LIBROS SCHMIBROS USED BOOKSHOP AND LENDING LIBRARY • 2000 East 1st Street • Boyle Heights/Los Angeles 90033 • (323) 302-9408 • FREE

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7-9 P.M.

#### Mood East: Poets Among the Gold Lanterns and Red Dragon Decor

**Beth Ruscio, Cece Peri, Angela Penaredondo, Marcellus, Marilyn Robertson** (& others)  
GOOD LUCK BAR (MUST BE 21)  
1514 Hillhurst Avenue • Los Angeles 90027 • (323) 255-5223 • One drink minimum

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7 P.M. • Doors open 6:30 p.m.

#### A Touch of Naomi

An Evening with Mystery Writer **Naomi Hirahara**  
With music by **Doc & Renee**, torchy songs and sax  
SOUTH PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM • 1115 El Centro Street • South Pasadena 91030 • FREE Admission & Refreshments

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7 P.M.

#### Sundrenched Dark: Raymond Chandler and His Los Angeles Legacy\*\*

Moderator: **Richard Modiano** • **Judith Freeman, Gary Phillips, Dick Lochte**  
BEYOND BAROQUE  
681 Venice Blvd. • Venice 90291 • (310) 822-3006  
Admission: \$6 members • \$10 non-members

9 P.M.

#### Darkness Falls: A Night with JAMES ELLROY

Introduced by **Doug Knott**  
BEYOND BAROQUE • 681 Venice Blvd. • Venice  
**Special event:** \$15 members & non-members • Separate admission (no 2-for-1) • \*\*Attendees at *Sundrenched Dark* get first seating for James Ellroy, 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

1 P.M.

#### Best of the Hardboiled: Selected Readings from Classic Detective and Crime Stories

**Dale Raoul** (*True Blood*) • **Brad Dourif** (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Deadwood*) • Poet **Laurel Ann Bogen** • (Plus surprise guests)  
CBS STUDIOS • 4024 Radford Street • Studio City 91604 • (323) 255-5223 • Admission: FREE

2 P.M.

#### Romilia Chacon Returns

**Marcos Villatoro** reads from his new mystery novel *Blood Daughters*  
BOOK'EM BOOKSTORE  
1118 Mission Street • South Pasadena 91030

4 P.M.

#### Killer Verse: Poems of Murder and Mayhem

West Coast debut of new Everyman's Library poetry anthology from Knopf  
Editor **Kurt Brown** • **Charles Harper Webb** • **Suzanne Lummis** (& others)  
BEYOND BAROQUE • 681 Venice Blvd. • Venice 90291 • Admission: FREE for members • \$8 non-members • \$5 students

7 P.M. • Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

#### Golden Dark

Screening of Classic Noir: *Union Station*  
L.A. historian and author **Tom Zimmerman** introduces film; his *Neon Noir* photographs will also be on display • Actress and author **Stefanie Powers** offers tribute to William Holden  
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After 7:30 p.m., panel discussion:  
**Why Noir, Why Now, Why L.A.**

Moderator: **Suzanne Lummis**

Panel participants: **David Kipen, Bill Krohn, Denise Hamilton, David Lazar**

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### BEYOND BAROQUE NIGHT OWL EVENT:

9:30 P.M.

#### Alternative Dark: Not Your Grandma's Noir

(But, on the other hand, how much did you really know about your grandma?)  
Performance artist **Linda Albertano** • Lyricist, librettist and cabaret artist **Philip Littell** • Playwright **Justin Tanner** shows and discusses episodes of his series in the spirit of *Lunacy Noir, Avenue 43*.

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### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

11 A.M.

#### Noir Continental Breakfast with Eddie Muller

Founder and President of Film Noir Foundation, host of Noir City Film Festival in San Francisco, author *Dark City: The Lost World of Film Noir*, and, in James Ellroy's words, "the Czar of Noir."  
With poets **Dina Hardy** and **Marsha de la O**  
THE RUSKIN CLUB • 800 Plymouth Blvd. • L.A. 90005 • Refreshments • Admission: \$10

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

3 P.M.-5 P.M.

#### Big Noir Open Reading—with Features Come read your favorite Raymond Chandler SIGN-UPS 2:30-3 P.M.

Host: **Mike the Poet Sonksen**  
3:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M. Featured readers: Fiction writer **Cheryl Klein** • Poet, author **Pam Ward**  
3:30 P.M. Kick-off to Open: **Terry McCarty**  
GEMINI MANOR (a fantastically original house)  
1341 N. Mariposa Avenue • Hollywood 90027  
Bring your own wine or noir picnic • Soft drinks, coffee, provided • Admission: \$10

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

OPEN MIC AT 7:00 P.M.

FEATURED READING AT 7:40 P.M.

Sign-ups 6:30-7:00 p.m. Come and read a noir poem, or favorite great crime fiction

#### Fullerton Noir

Host: **Cece Peri** • **Lynne Thompson, Sarah M. Chen, Terry Stevens** (& others)  
MAX BLOOM'S CAFE NOIR  
220 N. Malden Avenue • Fullerton 92832 • (714) 871-2600 • One drink minimum, no alcohol

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

OPENS AT 8:30 P.M. • READING AT 9 P.M.

Sign up for open before 9 p.m.

#### Valley Noir

Host: **Rick Lupert** • **Brendan Constantine, Mehnaz Turner**  
COBALT CAFE • 22047 Sherman Way • Canoga Park 91303 • One drink minimum, no alcohol

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7 P.M.

#### Full Moon Night: The Lighter Side of Noir

(Because without light there can be no shadow)  
Reading to preview the group art opening  
*Luna Moods* • Novelist and memorist **Samantha Dunn** • Poets **Helene Cardona, Robert Mezey, Angela Penaredondo, Lynne Thompson**  
AVENUE 50 STUDIO  
131 N. Avenue 50 • Highland Park/L.A. 90042  
(323) 258-1435 • Admission: FREE

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7 P.M.

#### Cine Negra:

#### The Lost Tradition of Mexican Film Noir

A screening of the great noir *Aventurera*  
Presented by **Libros Schmibros Lending Library and Used Bookshop**  
MARIACHI PLAZA • 1711 East 1st Street • Boyle Heights/L.A. 90033 • Admission: FREE

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:30 P.M.

#### Writers in the City's Shadow: A Night of Poetry Noir and Storytelling

Host: **Billy Burgos** • **Mike The Poet Sonksen** • **Peter Coca** • **Jim Bolt** • **Mehnaz Turner** (& others)  
THE LAST BOOKSTORE • 453 Spring Street, ground floor • Downtown L.A. 90013

9 P.M.

#### Laughing at the Dark: Comedy Noir

Host: **Eve Brandstein**  
**Taylor Negron** • **Rick Overton** • **Rick Shapiro** • **Suzanne Whang** • **Eric Trules** (& others)  
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681 Venice Blvd. • Venice 90291 • (310) 822-3006 • Admission: \$10

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7 P.M.

#### Library Girl Presents: In a Lonely Place

Host: **Susan Hayden** • **Hank Bunker, Eve Brandstein, Leon Martell, Beth Ruscio, Rex Weiner**  
RUSKIN GROUP THEATER  
3000 Airport Ave. • Santa Monica 90405 (across from Barker Hangar at Santa Monica Airport) • (310) 753-7653 • Admission: \$7

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