

Patti Smith kicks off 2015 Miami Book Fair International



Book lovers enjoyed a beautiful day looking through hundreds of books at the Books and Books booth, during the 2012 Miami International Book Fair, taking place at MDC Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami on Saturday, November 17, 2012. | **PEDRO PORTAL** - EL NUEVO HERALD STAFF

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Miami Book Fair will kick off its 32nd edition in a musical – and familiar – way: with punk poet Patti Smith.

Smith will discuss her latest memoir, *M Train*, a lyrical journey complete with Polaroids taken by the artist herself, on Nov. 15 in the Chapman Conference Center at Miami Dade

College, 300 NE Second Ave. Smith is making her second appearance at the fair: She appeared in 2010 with her National Book Award-winning memoir *Just Kids* and thrilled the audience with an impromptu singalong of her song *Because the Night*. Will she have a guitar handy this time? We'll see.

Earlier in the day, cultural commentator Ilan Stavans joins jazz legend Paquito D'Rivera for a free discussion on the power of the classics. Stavans will discuss his latest work, *Quixote: The Novel and the World* while D'Rivera explores the subject on the musical side via his book *Yeyito: Lessons from a Life in Music*.

Here are the rest of the authors appearing in "Evenings With ..." programs for the week, along with the books they'll be discussing. Event times are not yet set.

Nov. 16:

Robert B. Reich (*Saving Capitalism: For the Many, Not the Few*)

Jane Smiley (*Golden Age*, part three of her fictional Hundred Years trilogy)

Nov. 17

Alexandra Fuller (the memoir *Leaving Before the Rains Come*)

Jeanette Winterson (*The Gap of Time*, a novel)

Nov. 18

Tom Brokaw (*A Lucky Life Interrupted: A Memoir of Hope*)

Sally Mann (*Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs*)

Nov. 19

David Axelrod (*Believer: My Forty Years in Politics*)

Gary Snyder (the poetry collection *The Present Moment*)

Nov. 20

An Evening with the National Book Awards winners and finalists

Tickets to all “Evenings With ...” events are \$15 and will go on sale to the public on Nov. 4. Best way to guarantee yourself a seat? Become a Friend of the Fair or join the new Literati Society to take advantage of early ticket sales and priority seating. More info at www.miamibookfair.com



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