

# HOUSTON INDIE

## APRIL 14 **BOOK FESTIVAL**

MENIL LAWN

### MISSION & HISTORY

The Houston Indie Book Festival is sponsored and organized through a collaboration among *NANO Fiction*, *Gulf Coast*, and the Council of Literary Magazines and Presses. Now in its fifth official year, the Festival remains the only event of its kind in the Houston and Austin areas, featuring a variety of nationally-distributed literary journals and small-press books alongside local booksellers, book and magazine publishers, small presses, literary organizations, and writers. Magazines and books are for sale throughout the day, though the event is free and open to the public.

Since 2008, the Houston Indie Book Festival has steadily expanded from a small gathering of local booksellers and artists to a full-scale regional event featuring dozens of local exhibitors and attracting hundreds of visitors throughout the day. The event has grown to include a day-long reading series, children's events, musical acts, and, for the first time ever in 2012, informational panel discussions organized by HIBF exhibitors and local readers, writers, and publishers.

For the past two years, the event has been held on the Menil Lawn to accommodate the growing number of exhibitors and visitors; the 2011 festival received an estimated 2,500 visitors throughout the day. Marketing and promotion for the event included coverage in the *Houston Press*, media sponsorship from Houston Public Radio, interviews on 91.7 KFPT, e-newsletters, as well as distribution of postcards and posters. The event's website, [www.indiebookfest.org](http://www.indiebookfest.org), sees as many as 3,000 unique visitors per month.

The Houston Indie Book Fest will be accepting preregistration for the 2012 event, beginning in the fall of 2011. Those individuals or organizations who preregister will be offered a discount exhibit fee, and will be able to secure tables, as space is limited this year.

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### SOME OF OUR 2011 LOCAL EXHIBITORS & VENDORS

#### Authors

Lynn Abrams  
Cathy Clay  
David Ciambrone  
Ryan Dilbert  
Gale Minchew  
M.W. Moore  
Kerry Sparks  
K.C. Williams

#### Bookstores

Blue Willow Bookshop  
Brown Bookshop  
DOMY Books  
Good Books in the  
Woods  
Kaboom Books  
Light of Islam Bookstore  
Sedition Books

#### Magazines/Journals

*American Short Fiction*  
*Art Lies*  
*Bat City Review*  
*Film Monitor*  
*Glass Mountain*  
*Gulf Coast*  
*HTML Giant*  
*NANO Fiction*  
*The Cupboard*  
*REAL: Regarding Arts  
and Letters*

#### Organizations

Clear Lake Area Writers  
Houston Public Library  
Inprint  
Nuestra Palabra  
Taping for the Blind  
Writers League of Texas  
Texas Authors of  
Romance Fiction  
River Writers Reading  
Series  
Radius of Arab American  
Writers

#### Small Presses

Arte Público Press  
Blue Cubicle Press  
Bright Sky Press  
Champagne Books  
Featherproof Books  
NAACPencils  
Oh No Books  
Publishing Genius  
Slough Press  
Triscelle Publishing  
Texas Review Press