



## Spring Writes Literary Festival 2018 Guidelines for Submitting an Event Proposal Event Dates: May 3 - May 6

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### **About Spring Writes Literary Festival**

The Community Arts Partnership's (CAP) Spring Writes Literary Festival takes place in downtown Ithaca annually during the first weekend in May and features over 30 literary themed events over four days. Events include panels and workshops geared towards emerging and established writers - and events such as readings, performances, and play readings that are also of interest to the general public. Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, the Festival has evolved into an impressive array of events. Visit [www.SpringWrites.org](http://www.SpringWrites.org) to see last year's line up!

CAP organized the first Spring Writes Festival in 2009 at the request of New York State Council on the Arts. Staff at NYSCA knew that there was a wealth of writers in our region, but no formal writing organization to apply to NYSCA for funding. The resulting festival retains its original mission to celebrate and showcase local (Finger Lakes Region) writers.

### **2018 Dates**

#### **Deadline for Event Proposals**

Accept/Deny Communication  
Deadline for final blurbs, participant bios  
Spring Writes Publicity  
Event

#### **Thursday, February 15, 5pm**

Wednesday, March 1  
Friday, March 14, 5pm  
April  
Thursday, May 3 to Sunday, May 6

### **Details for Submitting an Event Proposal**

(You can also fill out the Event Proposal form to indicate that you wish to be part of a group reading)

- Spring Writes 2018 seeks proposals from local (Finger Lakes region) writers for readings, panels, workshops, and/or demos about writing, the art, craft and/or profession of writing, or the business of publishing. In the past we have also had theatre performances, music by MFA students, storytelling events, literary jeopardy, a murder mystery cocktail party, workshops on letterpress and book binding, spoken word and dance, and all sorts of wonderful fun events with a literary theme.

- Presentations are generally 1 to 1.5 hours in length.
- The Festival is focused on featuring local (Finger Lakes region) writers.
- The Spring Writes program committee encourages proposals featuring panelists who are diverse in their backgrounds, pursuits, affiliations, ages, and in different stages of their careers. The ideal panel discussion will consist of participants who represent a broad range of perspectives and experiences.
- Please note that past participation is no guarantee of future participation. Spring Writes may not be able to accommodate all wonderful proposals due to; a) space and time limitations, and; b) the desire to present a diverse slate of offerings each year.
- Each proposal must have an event organizer. The organizer will be the primary contact for the event and must be available in the month of March and April for e-mail exchanges. After the Proposal deadline, the event organizer will have a few weeks to confirm and deliver to Robin at CAP a photograph for SpringWrites.org, a final event title and description (up to 150 words that include participant names and web addresses, your participant's two-sentence bios, participant e-mails).

**Questions:**

Questions about event possibilities: Kathryn Henion. henionk@gmail.com

**Payment**

The Community Arts Partnership fundraises each year for funds to award honorariums to participating artists. These honorariums are not guaranteed.

**Type Of Events:**

**PANEL:** You can propose that you will organize and moderate a panel session on a particular subject of interest to writers or the general public. For the RFP, you can list people you would like to be on your panel. You will have a few weeks to nail that down once accepted. We believe that three to four people is a good number for a panel.

**WORKSHOP:** You can propose a workshop that you will organize and present.

**READING:** You can either organize and moderate a reading, or indicate that you would like to be part of a thematic or work-in-progress group reading.

**OTHER:** Music, Theater, Dance: we are open to a variety of events if they have a local literary theme.

**EVENT PROPOSAL FORM LINK -[CLICK HERE](#).**

**(If this link does not function form you, find the form at <http://www.SpringWrites.org>**