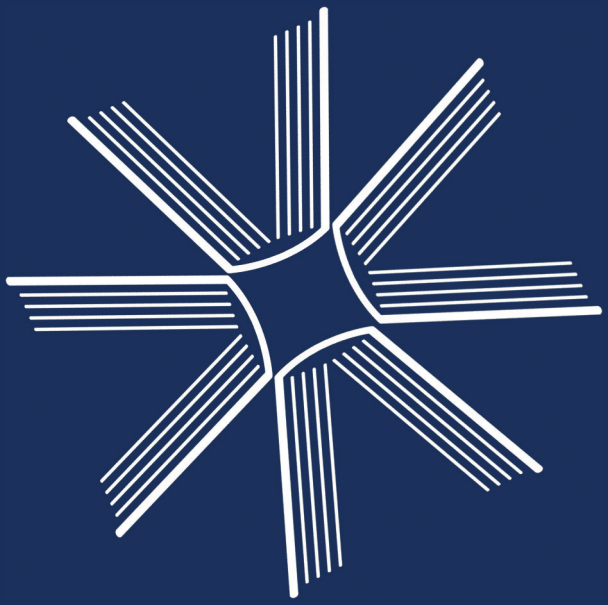


rain taxi

26th
Annual

TWIN CITIES BOOK FESTIVAL

Union Depot, Saint Paul

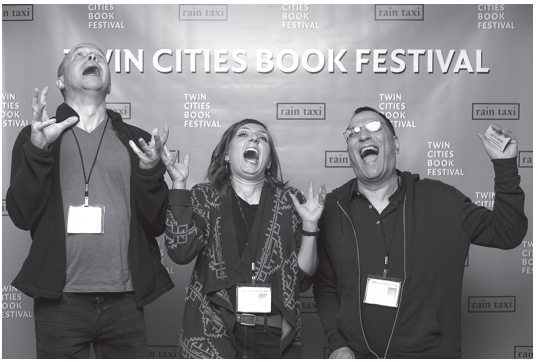
Saturday, November 7, 2026 • 10 AM – 5 PM

Get Social! @RainTaxiReview #TCBF

Welcome to Rain Taxi's TWIN CITIES BOOK FESTIVAL

As organizer and host of the annual TCBF, we at Rain Taxi are thrilled you can join us for our 26th year of gathering community. Thank you for being a part of it! And now . . .

GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN!



- **Drop in on an ACTIVITY to engage your creativity—fun for every age**
- **Catch an AUTHOR EVENT, and head to the BOOK SIGNING afterward**
- **Explore the BOOK FAIR—nearly 150 exhibiting publishers, magazines, libraries, arts organizations, authors, and more**
- **Hunt for treasures among a variety of USED BOOK dealers and at RAIN TAXI's annual used book blowout, vinyl records too!**
- **Take pics with friends at various PHOTO-OP STOPS**
- **Recreate. Laugh. Marvel. Ponder. Connect. ENJOY!**

TCBF PRIZE DRAWING

Enter for a chance to win new books and more! Scan the QR code to enter online, or pick up an Entry form located at the Info Table—winners are randomly selected every hour!

What is Rain Taxi?

Rain Taxi is a literary nonprofit organization that has championed aesthetically adventurous literature for more than 30 years. We publish the quarterly ***Rain Taxi Review of Books***, maintain the free online **Twin Cities Literary Calendar,** and produce the annual **Twin Cities Independent Bookstore Passport** each spring and **Twin Cities Book Festival** each fall. Please visit our booth near the Book Fair entrance to learn more and

- **Pick up a free copy of the latest PRINT ISSUE of *Rain Taxi***
- **Check out our limited edition CHAPBOOKS and BROADSIDES**
- **Peruse some of the quirkier USED BOOKS we have for sale**
- **Snag a Rain Taxi TEE, TOTE, or BEANIE**

Also please visit our **Paul Von Drasek Member Lounge**



Named after a passionate Rain Taxi champion who passed away in 2021, this space is the place to have a little fun and learn about all our organization does for the literary community, including the TCBF—"the best day of the year," as Paul joyfully called it—and how you can be a part of it. Members receive home delivery of our quarterly print magazine—**it's like a book festival in your mailbox!**

rain taxi

It's Give to the Max season, and our nonprofit needs YOUR support!

Please make a donation to help Rain Taxi continue driving readers to where writing is going and bringing you this annual Book Festival. **Visit our GiveMN page today** by scanning the QR code here or go to our website, raintaxi.org—**please donate before Nov. 19** to help us unlock an additional gift if we reach our fundraising goal!

THANK YOU, TWIN CITIES!

AUTHOR EVENTS: Red Cap Room

Note: All events in this room are ASL interpreted!



10AM: *A Talk on the Twentieth Anniversary of* The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
Kate DiCamillo



11AM: *Family in Picture Books*
Brenda J. Child,
Bao Phi, and **Kao Kalia Yang**



12PM: *A Story Out of Order*
Philip C. Stead
in conversation with Lisa Von Drasek



1PM: *Words Bridging Worlds*
U.S. Poet Laureate Arthur Sze
in conversation with Eric Lorberer



2PM: *Overcoming Adversity in YA Lit*
Kirk Van Brunt, Gloria Muñoz, and **Ari Tison**



3PM: *Centennial Fictions*
Matt Goldman and **Glenn R. Miller**
moderated by Lorna Landvik



4PM: *TCBF Poetry Summit*
Kazim Ali, Robin Becker, and **Soham Patel**

Books sales and author signings follow each presentation in the Riverview Room.

AUTHOR EVENTS: Veterans Gallery



10AM: *The Lyric Essay*
Heidi Czerwiec,
Michael Kleber-Diggs,
Sun Yung Shin, and
Katrina Vandenberg



11AM: *Women, Art, and Aging*
Julie Landsman,
Debra Stone, and
Morgan Grayce Willow



12PM: *The Persistance of the Past*
Heather Clark and **Angela Woodward**



1PM: *Faraway Fictions*
Stacy Carlson and
Mubanga Kalimamukwento



2PM: *The Unified Collection*
Cat Fitzpatrick,
Patrick Hueller, and
Carolyn Williams-Noren



3PM: *Minnesota Memoirs*
Laurie Hertzel
and **Kao Chaou Vue**

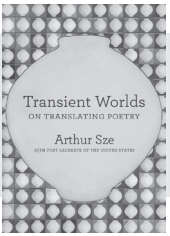


4PM: *Speculative Subversions*
Nghi Vo

Books sales and author signings follow each presentation in the Riverview Room.

AUTHOR EVENTS: Gateway Room

10:30 AM: Poetry Translation Workshop
(registered attendees only)





12PM: *Writing the World Outside*
Brian Laidlaw and **Jonathan C. Slaght**



1PM: *Robert S. Abbott and James Lawson: Role Models for Justice*
Lesley Younge and **Artika Tyner**



2PM: *Minnesota Debut Novels*
Leslie Bazzett and **Leila Renee**



3PM: *Art and Resistance*
Susan Simensky Bietila

Books are available for purchase following each Gateway Room presentation and authors will be happy to sign them!

Full event descriptions can be found at the Info Table, or scan this QR code to view online.

twincitiesbookfestival.org

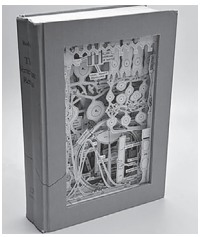
ALL AGES ACTIVITIES



10AM – 4PM, *Book Fair*:

Lighting the Democracy Flame
with Na Eng

For this drop-in activity, Emmy Award–winning journalist Na Eng invites TCBF attendees into the Art of Saving Democracy Pop Up Gallery to help light Lady Liberty's torch! (*All ages*)



10AM – 4PM, *Activity Hub*:

The Book as Sculpture
with Julia Strand

Watch book artist Julia Strand carve up discarded books to create amazing works of art! (*All ages*)



11AM – 4PM, *Book Fair*:

Build Event
with Little Free Library

Join Little Free Library for a community build event, with five Little Free Libraries being give away to local readers! (*All ages*)



1PM – 5PM, *Book Fair*:

Typewriter Poems
with Bill Meissner

St. Cloud's Bill Meissner will write you a poem on his trusty 1960 manual typewriter on the spot! (*All ages*)

Thanks to Lerner Publishing for sponsorship of the Activity Hub!

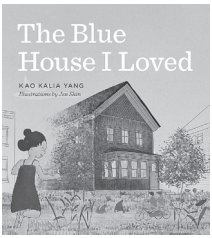
Lerner

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



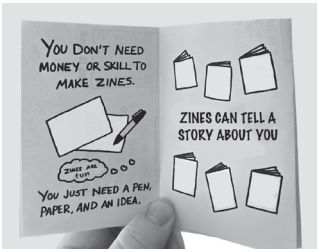
10AM – 1PM, *Activity Hub:*
Books, Bonds, and Bracelets *with AmazeWorks*

Get inspired by picture books to explore your connection to someone and create a bracelet to remember them! *(Ages 4–11)*



1 – 2:30PM, *Activity Hub:*
Celebrating The Places We Love *with AmazeWorks*

Let Kao Kalia Yang's *The Blue House I Loved* inspire you to add your special place to our large floor map! *(Ages 6–11)*



3 – 5PM, *Activity Hub:*
Making Signs and Zines *with Lesley Younge*

Explore how to craft posters and zines for causes you care about. *(Ages 11+)*

AFTER THE FESTIVAL



Patricia Smith

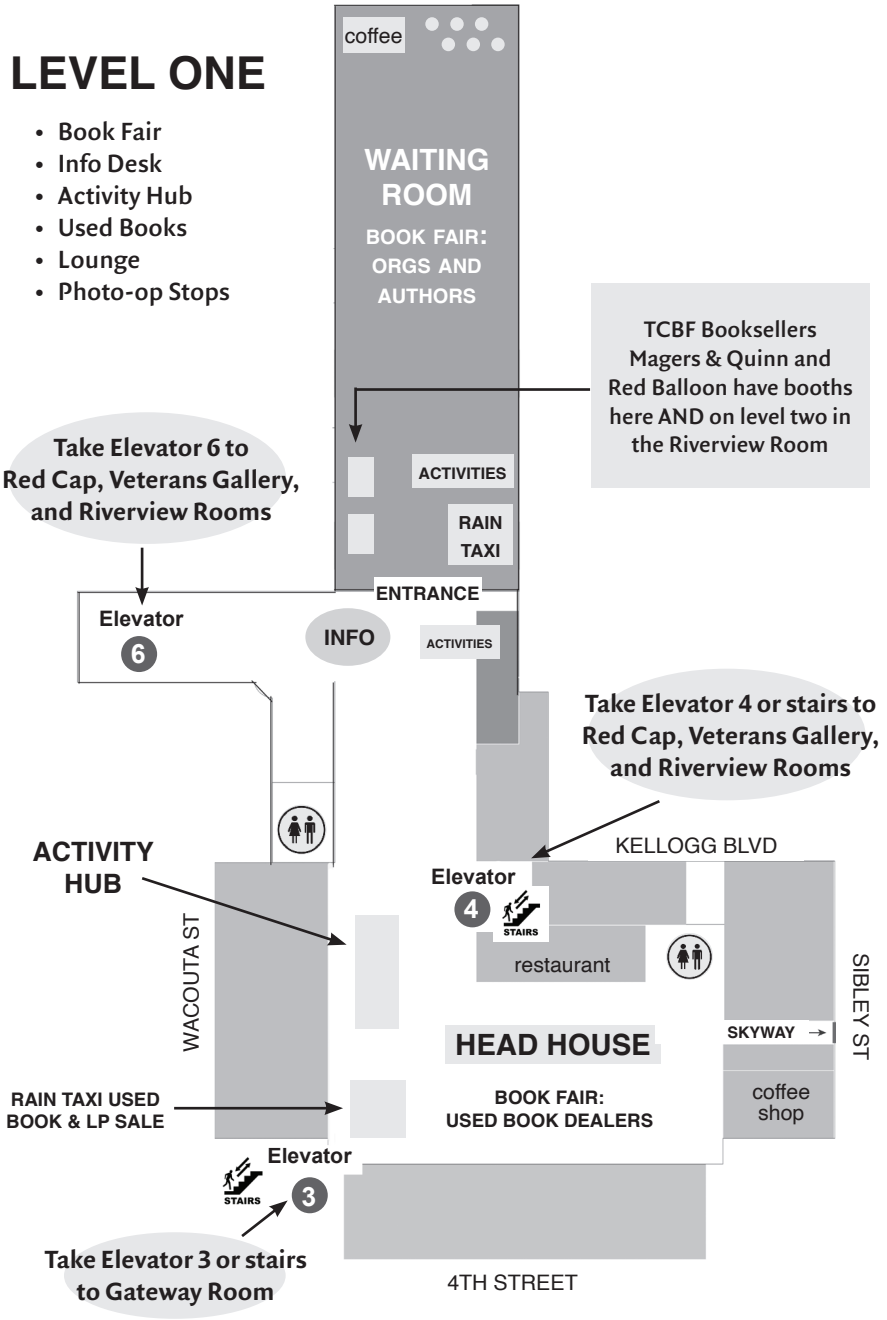
Saturday, November 7, 2026, 7pm
House of Hope Presbyterian Church

Keep your TCBF spirit fueled into the evening! Spoken word legend **Patricia Smith** will read from her National Book Award-winning *The Intentions of Thunder: New and Selected Poems*, then join the **Arleta M. Little** of the Loft Literary Center in conversation; a book signing and reception will follow. **Tickets available at loft.org**

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

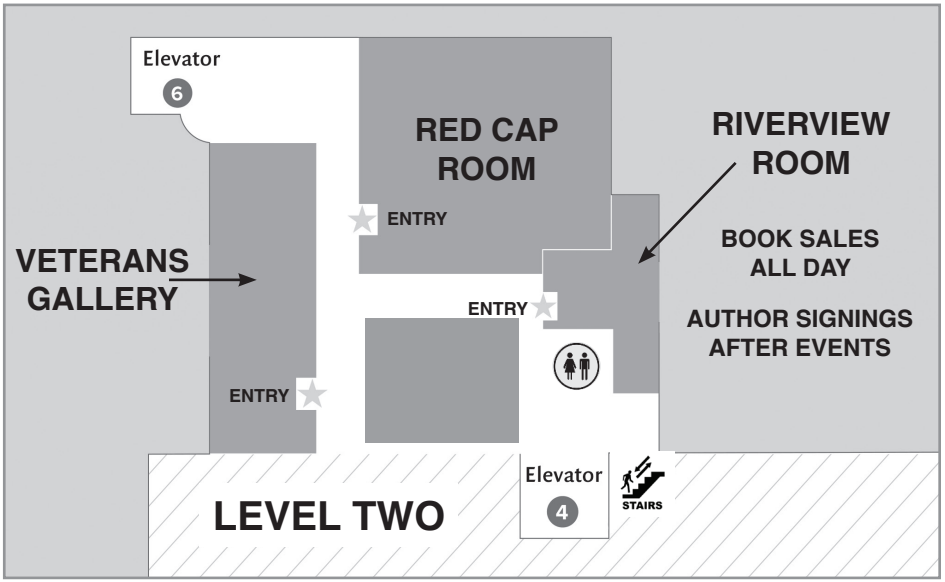
LEVEL ONE

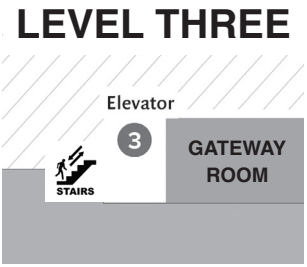
- Book Fair
- Info Desk
- Activity Hub
- Used Books
- Lounge
- Photo-op Stops



PLUS TWO WHOLE OTHER LEVELS

Author Presentations take place in the **Red Cap Room** and **Veterans Gallery** on Level Two, accessible via Elevator 6, Elevator 4, or stairs. Books for these featured events are available for sale all day in the **Riverview Room,** where author will sign after each presentation. *See pages 5–6 for the list of events.*





Additional Author Presentations take place in the Gateway Room on Level Three, accessible via Elevator 3 or stairs. Book sales and signings for these featured events will be held here immediately after each presentation. *See page 7 for the list of events.*

Scan this QR code to see schedule and event descriptions

twincitiesbookfestival.org

☆ EXHIBITING ORGANIZATIONS ☆

Exhibitor Map located at Info Desk

Afton Press
Albert's Bridge Books
Alternating Current Press
American School of Storytelling
Apsu Publishing
Be Kind Rebind
Beauty School Editions
Bell Cow Productions
Belt Publishing
Between the Lines Publishing
Black Lawrence Press
Blue Earth Review/Minnesota State University, Mankato
Bookmobile/Itasca Books
Broken River Books
Brown Bag Online
Button Poetry
Calumet Editions
Capstone
Carrier & Associates
Coffee House Press
Conduit Books & Ephemera
Conium Press
Cornerstone Press
Cow Tipping Press
Cursed Morsels Press
Ebooks Minnesota
Flexible Press
The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library
Friends Print Collective
FTL Publications
Ghoulish Books
Gray Duck Press
Graywolf Press
HabitAware
Hamline University Creative Writing Programs + Water~Stone Review
Handtype Press
Haymarket Books
History Through Fiction
Holy Cow! Press
The Inky Bookwyrm
Inner Peace Press
Jamie Kalakaru Mava
Kinship Poetry Press
Little Digital
Little Free Library
Little Particle Press
The Loft Literary Center
Lost Kite Editions
MELSA: Twin Cities Metro Public Libraries
Midwest Independent Publishers Association
Milkweed Editions
MN BIPOC Kid Lit Collective
Minnesota Black Authors Expo
Minnesota Book Publishers Roundtable
Minnesota Historical Society Press
Minnesota Humanities Center
mirrorbox press
Mizna
The Nerdy Loon
Nodin Press
Noodle and Bean
North Dakota State University Press

North Star Editions
NPC Company
One Subject Press
Ordway Center for the Performing Arts
PageTurnerPress
PaperPie Learning
Paranoid Tree Press
Pathfinder Press
PM Press
Professional Editors Network
Publish Her
Queen of Swords Press
Rabata
Read Minnesota Books Podcast
Read With Me MN
Realistic Reorganization
Red Bird Chapbooks
Regula Russelle
Repurposed Words By Reese
Robert Bly 100th Anniversary Events
Sew Uprising Handmade
Shipwreckt Books Publishing
Skywater Publishing Cooperative
Smart Set Community Printing
Sofawolf Press Inc
Split/Lip Press
Spout Press
St. Catherine University
StoryForge
Tales of the Unanticipated
Thriving Concern
Tongue Story
The Tower
Trio House Press
Uncivilized Books
University of Minnesota Libraries, Children's Literature Research Collections
University of Minnesota Press
University of St. Thomas Graduate Programs in English
Verso Books
Weirdo Prints
Weirdpunk Books
Wingingit Studio
Zephyr Press

Used and Rare Books

Browse these uniquely inventoried dealers in the Head House—you'll find everything from great bargains to rare treasures!

Abby Andresen Bookseller
Arey's Autographed Books
Babcock & 68th Books
The Book House in Dinkytown
Furrowed Brow Books
Midnight Books
Midway Used & Rare Books
Musical Comedy Editions
Paperback Exchange
Pickle's Bookshelf
R. M. Dreier, Bookaneer
Rokke's Rare Books
SillyWackyZany Books
Spring Hollow Books

PLUS: Rain Taxi's annual Used Book & Record Sale!

SPONSORING EXHIBITORS

Rain Taxi extends heartfelt thanks to the community-minded organizations for their support of the 2026 Twin Cities Book Festival!

















SPONSORING EXHIBITORS





















☆ EXHIBITING AUTHORS ☆

Staci Andrea THRILLER
Missing in Lincoln Park

Stanley Andrisse MEMOIR
Breaking Chains, Building Futures: Pathways to Redemption, Education, and Excellence

Anthony Bakke YA LIT
Bakke's Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Brian M. Duren FICTION
Day Brings Back the Night

Adejoke Ejiofor CHILDRENS
Don't Call Me Slowpoke

Beebe Evans ROMANTASY
As Beauty Fractures

Scott Eveloff FICTION
The Golem's Holocaust

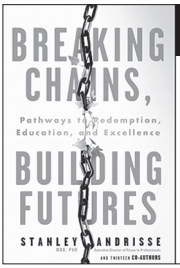
Knox Frederickson POETRY
I Use This Voice to Scream

Adriana Gordillo CHILDRENS
Sofi descubre las palabrasv

Rudi Hargesheimer NATURE
Superior Trails: A Photo Tour of Lake Superior's Best Hiking Trails

Kristin F. Johnson ESSAY
Chicken Soup for the Soul: Best Dog Ever

Stan Keillor FICTION
Momentous: The Quest for an Article V Convention

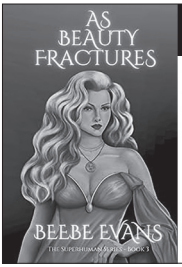


Stanley Andrisse

Breaking Chains, Building Futures

Pathways to Redemption, Education, and Excellence

(Memoir /Social Justice)



Beebe Evans

As Beauty Fractures

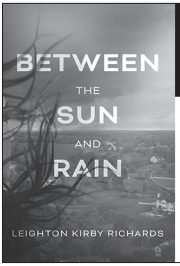
(Romantasy)



Elizabeth Quant

*F*ck This Murder*

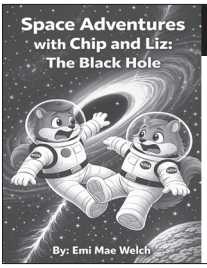
(Mystery)



Leighton Kirby Richards

Between the Sun and Rain

(Suspense)



Emi Mae Welch

Space Adventures with Chip and Liz: The Black Hole

(Childrens Book)

☆ EXHIBITING AUTHORS ☆

Steven Lawrence Lang NOVEL
The Art of Falling Apart

Joseph LeValley MYSTERY
Murder Suspended

Forrest Lonefight FICTION
The Pipelayer

Nathan Lueth FANTASY
The Canon of Vangel: City of Lost Children

Renée A. Moses ROMANCE
All or Nothing

marique b. moss CHILDRENS
My Afro-Indigenous Superpower

Kathleen Novak FICTION
Come Back, I Love You (A Ghost Story)

Michel Prince MYSTERY
Shadow Infusion

Elizabeth Quant MYSTERY
*F*ck This Murder*

Leighton Kirby Richards SUSPENSE
Between the Sun and Rain

Ariana Rose ROMANCE
Shelter from the Storm

Richard S. Sargent COOKBOOK
Revenge of the Horror Movie Cookbook

Ann Schreiber ROMANCE
Liz's Forever After

Eric Shoars ESSAY
Life Goes On: The Lessons We Learned From Eighties Music

Chloe Spencer HORROR
Home for the Holidays

Jamie Stoudt SCI-FI
A Quick Trip to Mars

Carlos Mario Mejía Suárez FICTION
El señor de las erratas

Teferi Tafa SCI-FI
The Shepherd of Stars

Ari Tison ANTHOLOGY
WITNESS: Poems to Address the Past, Present, and Future of Policing

Bob Trench PHOTOJOURNALISM
Agency & Resilience: Witnessing the Aftermath of the ICE Shootings in Minneapolis

Emi Mae Welch CHILDRENS
Space Adventures with Chip and Liz: The Black Hole

Jacqueline Werket MEMOIR
A Grief Postponed: A Nurse Practitioner's Journey through Delayed Grief

Alex Witts COMICS
Hell Bent: A Collection of Short Outlandish Tales

Rob Zahn ESSAYS
LSD to GALILEE: Incarnation in the Psychedelic Subculture

The #TCBF is fueled by YOU



GIVE TODAY

If you're enjoying the TCBF, please make a donation! You can:

Rain Taxi
@raintaxi

venmo

- Put some cash in a donation box
- Scan this QR code to Venmo your support
- Visit the Rain Taxi booth and become a member today—membership includes home delivery of *Rain Taxi Review of Books* and other perks.

Want more literary events? Visit Rain Taxi's

TWIN CITIES LITERARY CALENDAR

A free online resource listing all author events, independent bookstores, and more!

www.twincitiesliterarycalendar.org

MANY THANKS

rain taxi

The annual Twin Cities Book Festival is proudly presented by Rain Taxi, a nonprofit organization that champions aesthetically adventurous literature through publications, events, and service to the community. Our deepest thanks to the partners who helped make this year's TCBF happen—and to all the presenting authors, book fair exhibitors, volunteers, and audience members who came together to celebrate the written word.

MEDIA SPONSORS

Mpls St Paul

TwinCities.com PIONEER PRESS

TALKING VOLUMES
Presented by STAR TRIBUNE and MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO

MPR news

BOOKSELLER PARTNERS

MAGERS & QUINN BOOKSELLERS

Red Balloon BOOKSHOP

TRANSIT SPONSORS

Metro Transit

charterUP

RECEPTION SPONSOR

ALLODIUM INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS
2005 20 2025

SAINT PAUL STAR PROGRAM

MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT