AHA! Festival Book Fair
Main Stage Performers

A wide variety of authors, poets, spoken word artists and musicians will perform at the AHA! Fest Book Fair’s Main Stage on Euclid Avenue in the heart of Playhouse Square. Schedule is subject to change — please check back often for new events! All book talks will be followed by author signings.

11:00 AM
Visionary Young Voices
Students from MC2STEM High School, a partnership between CSU and the CMSD will read selections from their AHA creative writing course. The class sought to assist students in exploring what types of creative expression lead to their AHA! moments.

12:00PM
Rey Cintron Latin Jazz Ensemble
Rey Cintron Latin Jazz Ensemble is one of Northeast Ohio’s premier Latin Jazz groups, performing selections from numerous Latin Jazz legends including Tito Puente and Eddie Palmieri as well as traditional Afro–Cuban music.

1:00 PM
Read Ohio Featuring Tricia Springstubb and Jennifer Maschari
Read Ohio, a discussion series hosted by Literary Cleveland and the Ohio Center for the Book, is sponsoring talks by prominent children’s authors Tricia Springstubb and Jennifer Maschari. Springstubb is the author of Every Single Second and Cody and the Rules of Life, while Maschari’s books include The Remarkable Journey of Charlie Price and Things That Surprise You.

2:00PM
Kuniko Yamamoto: Japanese Mask & Origami
Kuniko Yamamoto enchants audiences of every age with dramatic storytelling using myths and fables from ancient and modern Japan, spiced with social revelations to educate and amuse. Every program encourages audience interaction and participation.

3:00PM
Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers: The African Oral Tradition
Storytellers and poets will use the African Oral Tradition to educate audiences on the cultural heritage, history and social values of the African American community.

4:00PM
John Frohnmayer: Rowing and Philosophy
John Frohnmayer, curator of the AHA Festival, and former Chairman of the National Endowment of the Arts will speak on his latest book Socrates the Rower: How Rowing Informs Philosophy.

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6:00PM
Michael Ruhlman: Food in America
Bestselling author Michael Ruhlman will discuss his insightful work Grocery: The Buying and Selling of Food in America, which dives into the mysterious world of supermarkets and the ways in which we produce, consume, and distribute our food.

7:00PM
Story Club Cleveland Presents “Hot Water”
In “Hot Water” talented storytellers present true stories of times they overstepped, said too much, and bit off more than they could chew. In collaboration with Literary Cleveland.