



# FoCo Book Festival Returns with Writers and Rock Stars

Contributed by Katie Auman

After a successful inaugural event in 2016, the Fort Collins Book Fest returns October 21 with Writings and Riffs, a theme focusing on books, poetry and music as a way of storytelling, self-expression and conversation.

Headlining the 2017 book festival is Kim Gordon, Sonic Youth musician, artist and author of the *New York Times* bestselling memoir *Girl in a Band*.

She is joined by other noted music authors like Colorado's own music historian G. Brown (*Red Rocks: The Concert Year's*); author and *Rolling Stone Magazine* contributor Steve Knopper (*MJ: The Genius of Michael Jackson*); and cultural historian Craig Werner, a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominating committee member (forthcoming book *For What It's Worth: A New History of the Sixties*).

"Each year's Book Fest theme seeks to showcase the intersection of the community's books and literary circles with our cultural heritage, industries and social interests," says Anne Macdonald, festival co-founder and librarian at Poudre River Public Library District. "Last year, we focused on craft brewing; this year, we spotlight the role of music in our community."

Festival attendees will experience a variety of authors and interesting topics. More than 30 authors will participate in the free day-long event with sessions ranging from readings by local writers and Fort Collins Poet Laureates to the featured panel discussion "The Remix: The Books that Made Me" and from presentations like "History vs. Hamilton" with Rick Beyer to discussions about "Ecomusicology" with Mark Pedely.

Festival goers can attend panel discussions, writing workshops, author reading, book signings and other sessions throughout the day and engage with a variety of writers and musicians.

Pre-festival highlights include music performances by the Elvis Experience at Harmony Library's "History Comes Alive"; a vinyl exchange event; and "Liner Notes," a special, limited-time Book Fest Brew from Intersect Brewing.

The FoCo Book Fest is presented by the Poudre River

Public Library District in partnership with Colorado State University Morgan Library and the City of Fort Collins Fort Fund. It takes place at a variety of venues throughout Old Town Fort Collins from 9am-9pm on Saturday, October 21.

The full schedule of the day's presentations, authors and venues is available online at [www.FoCoBookFest.org](http://www.FoCoBookFest.org), including information on registering for writing workshops. There is also a list of pre-event activities happening around town in support of the Book Fest.



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This year's Fort Collins Book Fest celebrates that artistic fusion and the important roles reading, writing, and music play in our lives and our community. Writings and Riffs is a free, day-long literary arts festival for book lovers and music fans on **Saturday, October 21**.

Headlining the festival is Sonic Youth co-founder, musician, visual artist, and author Kim Gordon whose recent memoir *Girl in a Band* quickly became a New York Times Bestseller. She'll be discussing her book and participating in panel discussions. Book sales and signing will follow.

Kim is joined by nationally-recognized music industry voices and writers like Loudon Wainwright III, legendary folksinger and author of *Liner Notes*; Craig Werner, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominating committee member and author of the forthcoming book *For What It's Worth: A New History of the Sixties*; Steve Knopper, Rolling Stone contributing editor, author of *MJ: The Genius of Michael Jackson*; and G. Brown, founding director of the Colorado Music Hall of Fame, music critic, and author of *Red Rocks: the Concert Years*; and Khadijah Queen, an award-winning author and poet whose most recent novel is *I'm So Fine: A List of Famous Men & What I Had On*.

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## Reading and Writing

[Fort Collins Book Festival, Writings and Riffs](#), produced by [Poudre River Public Library District](#) and [Colorado State University's Morgan Library](#), is October 21, 2017. Kim Gordon (Sonic Youth musician, artist, and author) will be joined by authors and music industry insiders, many with a Colorado connection. The most recent addition to the lineup is singer/songwriter, actor, and author Loudon Wainwright III. Learn more about this [free event](#).

Elementary students in [Grand County Library District](#) are encouraged to submit entries by October 14 for the 30th Annual Scary Story Writing Contest. Stories should be 100-500 words in length ([see details](#)).

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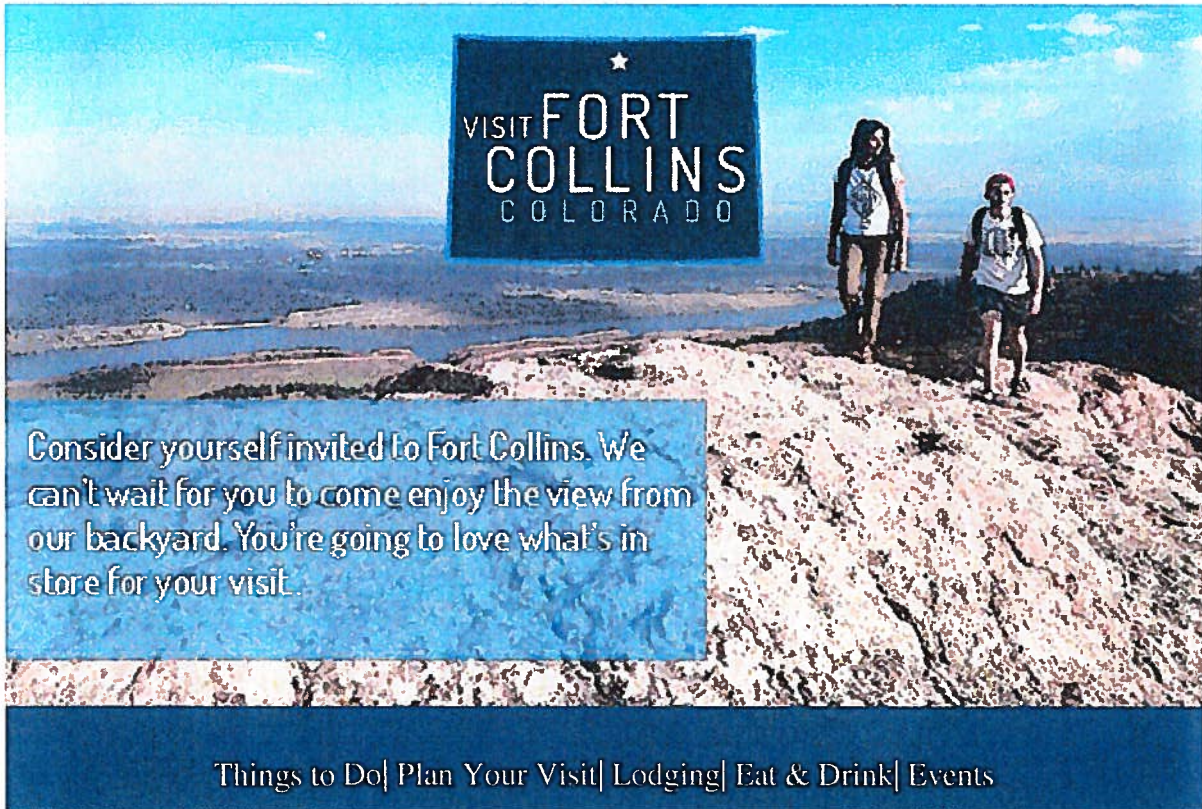
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## One Beat Music and Fort Collins Book Fest





[OneBeat](#), hosted by The Music District, brings together 25 adventurous musicians from 17 countries to Fort Collins, giving them the opportunity to explore how the arts can renew and restore perspectives, spaces, and societies. This incredible program takes place from Oct. 15-22 and all events happening at CSU, the Downtown Artery, the Armory, and the Music District are all free to the public. This is truly an amazing project showcasing how music has the power to cross cultural and political divides.

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## 2017 Fort Collins Book Fest

# Sat Oct 21, 2017 at 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Music Industry Insiders, Award-Winning Authors Join**

**2017 Fort Collins Book Fest Featured Line-Up**

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**Craig Werner**, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominating committee member, is the author of a forthcoming book about the history of the 1960s as well as *We Gotta Get Out of this Place: Music from the Vietnam War*, and others.

## Details

**Date:**  
Sat Oct 21, 2017

**Time:**  
9:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Cost:**  
free

**Event Categories:**  
Arts & Culture, Community Events, Featured, Free Events, Literary, Visual

**Website:**  
<https://www.focobookfest.org/>

## Venue

Old Town Fort Collins

*118 Trimble Ct Fort Collins, CO 80524*  
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**G. Brown** serves as the director of the Colorado Music Hall of Fame and is the author of recently-published *Red Rocks: The Concert Years* and *Colorado Rocks! A Half-Century of Music in Colorado*.

**Khadijah Queen** is an award-winning writer and poet from Denver. Her most recent work is *I'm So Fine: A List of Famous Men & What I Had On*.

**Loudon Wainwright III** is the son of esteemed *Life* magazine columnist Loudon Wainwright, Jr., is the patriarch of one of America's great musical families. With a career spanning more than four decades, Wainwright has established himself as one of the most enduring singer-songwriters who emerged from the late 1960s. Not only does he perform regularly across America and in Europe, but he is a sought-after actor, having appeared in many movies and TV series. He will discuss his recently-published memoir, *Liner Notes: On Parents & Children, Exes & Excess, Death & Decay, & a Few of My Other Favorite Things*, and play a bit of live music to accompany his presentation on Saturday, October 21, 2017. He will speak at 1:30pm at Block One Events with book sales and signing to follow.

All of the featured authors will participate in the festival's evening presentation, "The Remix: The Books that Made Me," about the books and stories that had the most influence on who they are today. Each will also participate in various presentations, author readings, and book signings throughout the day. The full FoCo Book Fest schedule will be announced in September and will be available online at [www.FoCoBookFest.org](http://www.FoCoBookFest.org).



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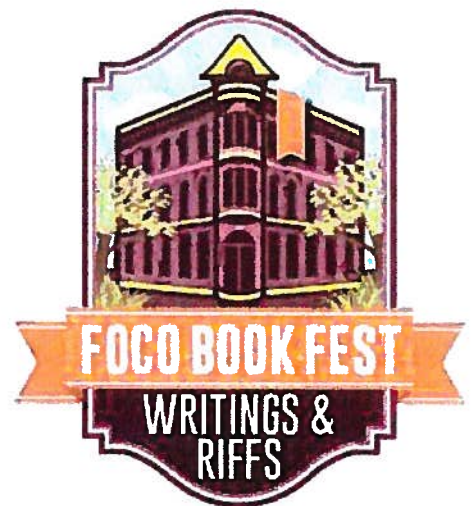
**09** Oct, 2017  
By [Jeff Dodge](#)

Colorado State University will have a strong presence at the Fort Collins Book Fest, an event bringing together an impressive group of writers, poets, musicians and music insiders from across the country on Oct. 21.

This year's event, *Writings and Riffs*, features a distinct musical flavor, reflecting the community's passion and growing influence in music and creative arts. Many CSU faculty and alumni are participating in the Book Fest, now in its second year.

Prominent guests include Sonic Youth musician, artist and author Kim Gordon and singer, songwriter, actor and author Loudon Wainwright III.

"We're thrilled with the success of last year's Fort Collins Book Festival and programs and look forward to another exciting event this year," said Anne Macdonald, festival co-founder and librarian at Poudre River Public Library District. "Attendees at this year's festival will have the opportunity to experience, up-close from their favorite authors, how books and music are flip sides of the same artistic coin."



### About the Book Fest

*Writings and Riffs* celebrates books, poetry and music as a means of storytelling, self-expression and social conversation. The day-long event is free and open to the public, and will include

presentations, panel discussions, writing workshops, author readings and book signings. The event takes place at venues throughout Old Town Fort Collins from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21. The full schedule and more information is available at [www.FoCoBookFest.org](http://www.FoCoBookFest.org).

Gordon will discuss her *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *Girl in a Band*, at 3:30 p.m. at Block One Events, 428 Linden St. Book purchases and signings will follow the headline panel discussion, “The Remix: Books that Made Me” at 5 p.m. at Block One Events.

Wainwright will discuss his recently published memoir, *Liner Notes: On Parents & Children, Exes & Excess, Death & Decay, & a Few of My Other Favorite Things*, and play a bit of music to accompany his presentation. He will speak at 1:30 p.m. at Block One Events with book sales and signing to follow.

## Other guests

In addition to Gordon and Wainwright, featured authors include Steve Knopper, Craig Werner, G. Brown and Khadijah Queen.

- Knopper is a *Rolling Stone* contributing editor and author of *MJ: The Genius of Michael Jackson* and *Appetite for Self-Destruction: The Spectacular Crash of the Record Industry in the Digital Age*.
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## CSU ties



Scheduled participants with ties to CSU include Department of English faculty members John Calderazzo, Bill Tremblay, Leslee Becker, Matthew Cooperman and Sasha Steensen. Several CSU alumni will also be on hand, including 2014 Fort Collins Poet Laureate Chloé Leisure, 2016 Fort Collins Poet Laureate Aby Kaupang Cooperman, and Susan Ring deRosset, recipient of the 2011-12 Crow-Tremblay Creative Writing Fellowship and former teaching assistant.

Other CSU alumni who will be at the festival include Stephen “Brer Rabbit” Brackett of The Flobots, Stacy Nick of KUNC, and Lisa Zimmerman, poet and professor of English at the University of Northern Colorado.

The FoCo Book Fest is produced by Poudre River Public Library District in partnership with CSU Morgan Library and the City of Fort Collins Fort Fund. The event is supported through the generosity of Colorado State University Division of External Relations; City of Fort Collins Office of Economic Health; The Music District; KUNC/The Colorado Sound; KRFC; Intersect Brewing; New Belgium Brewing; Poudre River Friends of the Library; Old Firehouse Books; Wolverine Letterpress & Publick House; Anne and Bruce Macdonald; Friends of the Morgan Library; Liggett & Johnson, p.c.; Downtown Artery; First National Bank; Poudre River Library Trust; Front Range Community College Foundation; The Forge Publick House; Downtown Development Authority; Happy Lucky’s Teahouse; NoCo Hotspots; Library Executive Directors, and others.

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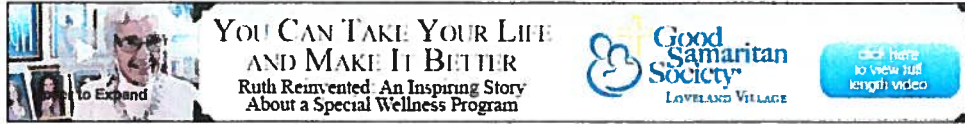
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## Music takes center stage at FoCo Bookfest

Music-related topics will be explored by authors, academics and musicians

By *Michelle Vendegna*

Reporter-Herald Staff Writer

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In its second year, the FoCo Bookfest will focus on music.

### FoCo Bookfest

**What:** 2017 FoCo Bookfest.

**When:** 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

**Where:** Six venues throughout downtown Fort Collins

**Cost:** Free; registration required for writing workshops.

**More info:** [focobookfest.org \(https://www.focobookfest.org\)](https://www.focobookfest.org).

"Part of the reasoning behind that choice was the emerging musicians," said Katie Auman, Poudre River Public Library

The all-day event will take place Oct. 21 in six different venues. Authors, musicians and academics will come together for presentations and writing.

"We're trying to remain committed to showcasing Colorado musicians and authors. We'll feature a few nationally known musicians and authors.

Loudon Wainwright III will talk about his memoir, "Liner Notes." The band Sonic Youth, will discuss her book, "Girl in the Band," Linden St.

"It's really an interesting group of sort of more music-minded people where you see the novelists and poets come out," said Auman.

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Denver poet and author Khadijah Queen will participate in the event.

"The thing about going into the larger community, and not just the poetry community, is to show that poetry is for everyone. Her latest book of prose poetry, "I'm So Fine: A List of Famous Men & What I Had On," was released in March 2017.

The collection started as more of writing exercise for The Grind, a writing group. Growing up in Los Angeles, Queen started as a top 10 list of these interactions and what Queen was wearing at the time grew with the encouragement.

"All the stuff that was going on with women in the media and sexual harassment and sexual assault, I thought that was the humor," she said.

Within the book, Queen is clear about who the celebrities are and what exactly happened.

"(Readers) may see it as women have been talking about this forever, so you better do well to listen," she said.

Queen will be involved in three events, "Social Vibes: A Sign of the Times," at noon, "Poetry Lounge" at 3 p.m., Linden St., and "The Remix: Books that Made Me," at 5 p.m. at Block One Events, 428 Linden St.

"I think music is a powerful venue for saying things that are not necessarily accepted in everyday conversation," Queen said, explaining that subjects can be approached and react.

"It has the power to move people to action. We saw that in the '60s in terms of the Civil Rights movement," she said.

It's something, Queen said, that society also is seeing today.

"I just think it will be fun. It's not going to be dry. I think it's going to be a riot, and I hope people come out to see," she said.

Mark Pedely, professor of communication studies and an affiliate professor of anthropology at the University of Minnesota, will be part of a panel, "The Pulse: Music Downtown Artery, 254 Linden St., and do a presentation on his book, "Ecomusicology," at 5:30 p.m. at Old Firehouse Books, 232 Walnut St.

"I think as academics, we don't think of ourselves as writers, but that's what we do," Pedely said.

Combining his two lifelong interests, Pedely studies musicians and musical activists' roles regarding environmental issues, sustainability and soundscapes.

"In movements, music and musicians can be catalysts to bring people together," Pedely said.



Part of his talk will cover his research on musical activist Dana Lyons.

"He really just raised awareness but did it in a creative way that didn't polarize and turn people off," Pedelty said. This sort of music is something that Pedelty said is becoming a genre in its own right.

"It's starting to get where you can say with straight face, that's environmental music," he said.

Pedelty writes about only one part of how music can affect society and is looking forward to being part of the bigger discussion.

"I think that's what's fun about being around authors and people who write about music. It's a whole world unto itself," he said.

The library district will continue to choose themes for the book festival based on the interests of the community, Auman said.

Last year for the inaugural event, the topics revolved around brewing, including craft beer, tea and coffee.

"We really wanted to make sure we're focused on areas of the community that people were already interested in," Auman said.

For more information and a complete schedule, go to [focobookfest.org \(https://www.focobookfest.org\)](https://www.focobookfest.org).

#### Full Schedule:

- **Author Meetup**, 8:30 a.m., The Forge Publick House, 255 Old Firehouse Alley. Meet authors, presenters and other book lovers.
- **How to Self-Publish Successfully**, with Teresa Funke, 9:15 a.m., Old Town Library, 201 Peterson St.
- **How Music Got Free**, with Stephen Witt, 10 a.m. Old Firehouse Books, 232 Walnut St.
- **Collective Groove: Colorado's Musical Identity**, with Chris Daniels, Greta Cornett, Stacy Nick, Kip Lornell, 10 a.m., Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick
- **The Genius of Michael Jackson**, with Steve Knopper, 10:30 a.m., Downtown Artery, 254 Linden St.
- **Finding the Story You Need to Write: Nonfiction Essay Writing Workshop**, with John Calderazzo, 10:45 a.m., Old Town Library, 201 Peterson St.
- **Publishing One-on-One Consulting with Teresa Funke**, 11 a.m., Old Town Library, 201 Peterson St.; register in advance for 30-minute sessions by calling 970-221-6740.
- **Driving the King: Nat King Cole**, with Ravi Howard, 11:30 a.m., Old Firehouse Books 232 Walnut St.
- **Social Vibes: A Sign of the Times**, with OneBeat, Kyle Eustice, Rick Beyer, Khadijah Queen, Steve Knopper, noon, Wolverine Farm Letterpress & Publick Hou
- **For What it's Worth: A New History of the Sixties**, with Craig Werner, 12:15 p.m., Downtown Artery, 254 Linden St.
- **From Flat to Round to Lumpy: How to "Weird Up" Your Short Story Characters**, with Sue Ring deRosset, 12:45 p.m., Old Town Library, 201 Peterson 6740.
- **Music of Multicultural America**, with Anne Rasmussen and Kip Lornell, 1 p.m., Old Firehouse Books, 232 Walnut St.
- **Liner Notes**, with Loudon Wainwright III, 1:30 p.m., Block One Events, 428 Linden St.
- **History of Colorado Music**, with G. Brown, 1:45 p.m., Downtown Artery, 254 Linden St.
- **Understanding Lyrics: Musical Storytelling**, with Justin Roth, 2 p.m., Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 316 Willow St.
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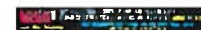
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### Rock 'N' Write at the Book Fest - Scene Magazine

The Fort Collins Book Festival is coming in hot for their October 21 event themed "Writing and Riffs." By reflecting the community's interest and passion in music and creative arts, this year's theme will delve into music harder than ever before with a featured lineup consisting of a handful of music industry insiders and award-winning authors.

All featured authors will participate in various presentations, readings, and book signings throughout the 12 hour day before coming together for an evening presentation. "The Remix: The Books that Made Me" will address the stories and books that had the most significant influence on each author.

Headlining the event is Kim Gordon, famed Sonic Youth musician, visual artist, and author of *Girl in a Band: A Memoir*. Other speakers include Steve Knopper, *Rolling Stone* contributing editor and author of *MJ: The Genius of Michael Jackson*; Craig Werner, author of *We Gotta Get Out of this Place: Music from the Vietnam War*; G. Brown, director of Colorado Music Hall of Fame; and Khadijah Queen, award-winning writer and poet from Denver.

The Fort Collins Book Festival starts at 9 a.m. on October 21 and is produced by Poudre River Library District in partnership with the City of Fort Collins Fort Fund and CSU Morgan Library. Visit [focobookfest.org](http://focobookfest.org) for more information.

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Celebrating libraries, books, literary arts and music, Fort Collins Book Festival blends all four together in this year's free day of festivities.

With a theme of "Writings & Riffs," Fort Collins Book Festival offers up a full day of presentations, discussions, readings, workshops and more that seek to cross platforms and inspire in the festival's second year.

More than 20 sessions with more than 30 authors will be spread across six Fort Collins venues from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. They are all free and open to the public.

Featured speakers include (<https://www.focobookfest.org/speakers/>) Sonic Youth's Kim Gordon, who published her memoir "Girl In A Band" in 2015; singer-songwriter, actor and author Loudon Wainwright III; cultural historian and professor of Afro-American studies at University of Wisconsin-Madison Craig Werner; Rolling Stone contributing editor Steve Knopper, and more.

Events, readings and workshops will take place at Block One, Wolverine Farm Letterpress & Publick House, Downtown Artery, Old Firehouse Books, Old Town Library and the Music District.

For a full schedule, [and more information, visit focobookfest.org. \(https://www.focobookfest.org/\)](https://www.focobookfest.org/)

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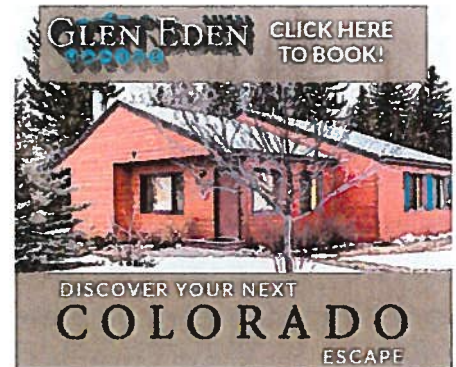
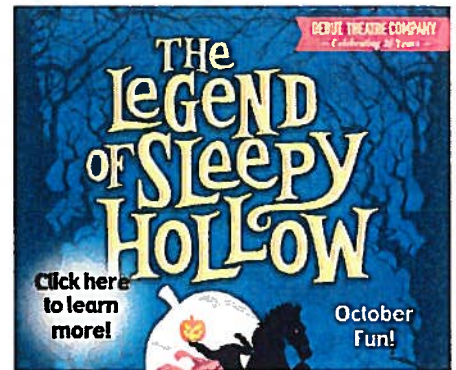
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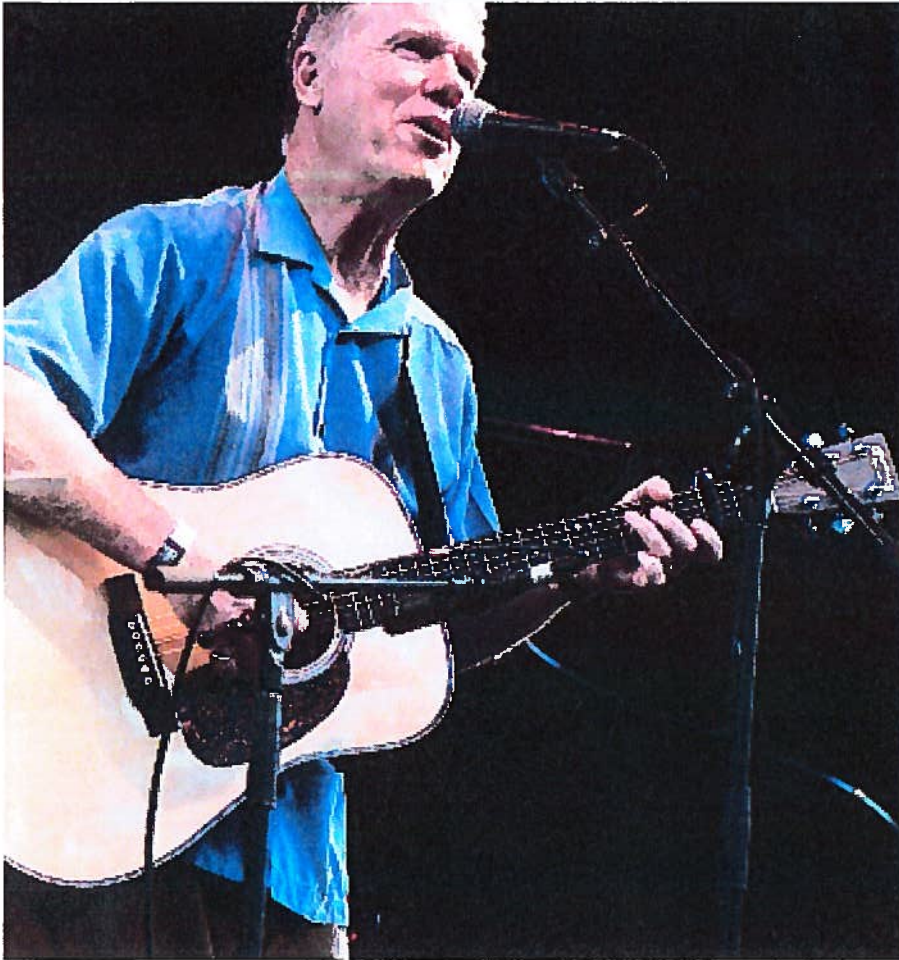


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The **Fort Collins Book Festival, Writings and Riffs**, has an exceptional lineup of musician-authors. The Book Fest team is announcing that singer/songwriter, actor, and author **Loudon Wainwright III** has joined the festival. He will discuss his recently-published memoir, *Liner Notes: On Parents & Children, Exes & Excess, Death & Decay, & a Few of My Other Favorite Things*, and play a bit of live music to accompany his presentation.

Wainwright, the son of esteemed Life magazine columnist Loudon Wainwright, Jr., is the patriarch of one of America's great musical families. With a career spanning more than four decades, Wainwright has established himself as one of the most enduring singer-songwriters who emerged from the late 1960s. Not only does he perform regularly across America and in Europe, but he is a sought-after actor, having appeared in many movies and TV series.

He joins fellow headliner, Kim Gordon, of Sonic-Youth fame, and featured authors G. Brown, Steve Knopper, Khadijah Queen, and

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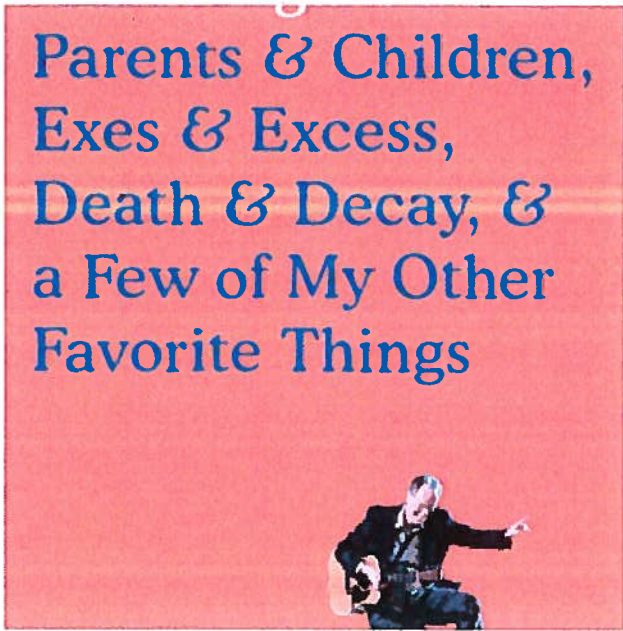
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Craig Werner, among many other exciting voices making up this year's Book Fest. The Fort Collins Book Festival is a free, day-long literary arts festival happening at venues throughout Old Town Fort Collins

from 9am – 9pm on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Wainwright will speak at 1:30pm at Block One Events with book sales and signing to follow.

For more information, visit the festival website at <http://www.FoCoBookFest.org>.



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Writings & Riffs celebrates books, poetry, and music as a means of storytelling, self-expression, and social conversation. The day-long event is free, open to the public, and will include presentations, panel discussions, writing workshops, author readings, and book signings.

Joining Sonic Youth musician, artist, and author **Kim Gordon** at this year's festival are featured authors Steve Knopper, Craig Werner, G. Brown, and Khadijah Queen.

**Steve Knopper** is a Rolling Stone contributing editor and author of *MJ: The Genius of Michael Jackson* and *Appetite for Self-Destruction: The Spectacular Crash of the Record Industry in the Digital Age*.

**Craig Werner**, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominating committee member, is the author of a forthcoming book about the history of the 1960s as well as *We Gotta Get Out of this Place: Music from the Vietnam War*, and others.

**G. Brown** serves as the director of the Colorado Music Hall of Fame and is the author of recently-published *Red Rocks: The Concert Years* and *Colorado Rocks! A Half-Century of Music in Colorado*.

**Khadijah Queen** is an award-winning writer and poet from Denver. Her most recent work is

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I'm So Fine: A List of Famous Men & What I Had On.

**Ron sat down with G. Brown for a conversation about Colorado music, while Margot talked to Steve Knopper about the past, present, and future of the music industry.**



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# 'Girl In A Band': Kim Gordon On Going Solo

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*Kim Gordon*

Kim Gordon's memoir "Girl in a Band" starts with the end. A concert in Bra that would mark the end of her 30-year career as the bassist and singer for the experimental rock band Sonic Youth. And the end of her 27-year marriage to band mate Thurston Moore.

"Maybe that was the part (of the story) that was most in people's mind so was kind of good to get it over with," said Gordon, 64, from her home in Los Angeles. "I guess I usually plunge into things that make me nervous, you know, kind of without thinking. It's just easier if you just do it. And in the same way, when I'm on stage sometimes I feel most relaxed. I don't know it's a weird thing."

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*Stacy Nick talks with former Sonic Youth frontwoman Kim Gordon*

Gordon started out her career as a visual artist in New York and Los Angeles, but found herself drawn into music. However, she said she always felt like a “lowercase rockstar.”

“When we started playing music it was kind of in the post-punk era which was sort of anti-rockstar,” she said. “I mean, I would have to say Sonic Youth is a big cult band. We weren’t a mainstream band and that’s -- mainstream bands -- to me, implies rockstar. Capital R.”

But being a rockstar -- capital R or not -- allowed Gordon the opportunity to do other things. Over the years, she's added “actor” and “fashion designer” to her list of creative outlets -- none of which came from any kind of plan.

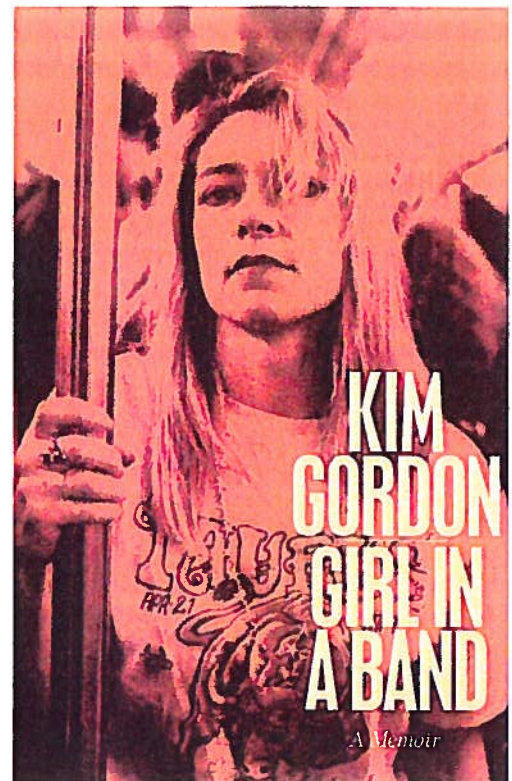
“Yeah, I guess I do kind of wait for inspiration to strike,” she said. “If I’m not feeling it in music then I’ll go to my studio. But I try to kind of just move to another medium -- maybe that will inspire me. But I’m not a 9-to-5, in-my-studio kind of person. I’m much more of a restless worker.”

Her most recent musical effort was born out of that same spirit.

While working with producer Justin Raisen on another project, Gordon and he started sending tracks back and forth. The result was the song “Murdered Out,” inspired by the L.A. trend of blacking out identifying markers on a car.

Gordon said the process was unlike anything she’d done before and it inspired her to do something else she’s never done: A solo record.

When asked if she’d begun writing for that record though, Gordon said she hasn’t. Instead, she’s waiting for that aforementioned inspiration. Meanwhile she’s also working with guitarist Bill Nace on their experimental duo Body/Head, and on a fashion line for & Other Stories. The solo project will



*Kim Gordon's memoir, "Girl In A Band," came out in 2015.*

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"I kind of like to approach things sort of sideways... so I don't feel hemmed in," she said.

*Kim Gordon will speaking about her memoir "Girl in a Band" on Oct. 21, 2017 at the [Fort Collins Book Festival](#).*

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# Famous musicians, authors to attend FoCo Book Fest in Old Town Saturday

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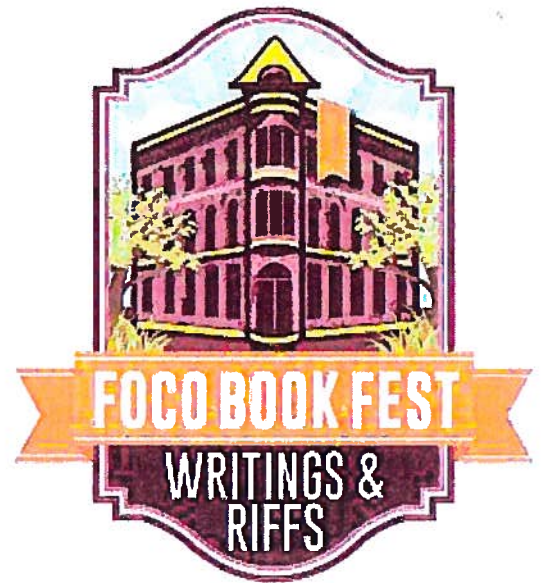
What do the co-founder of Sonic Youth, the lead singer of the Flobots, a Grammy award-winning songwriter, a contributing editor of Rolling Stone Magazine and the Founding Director of the Colorado Music Hall of Fame have in common?

They will all be in Fort Collins this Saturday to talk about their lives' works, both in music and literature.



The FoCo Book Fest is a celebration of literary arts in Fort Collins, and with this year's theme Writings and Riffs, the music world is celebrated too. With nearly 50 speakers at dozens of events, organizer Katie Auman sees something for everybody.

"There are lots of different authors and sessions that everyone should be able to find something to love about this year's lineup," Auman said.



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from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., events throughout Old Town pack the Book Fest schedule. At Old Firehouse Books, see a long lineup of musically-inclined authors talk about their work and sign books. Attend writer's workshops at the Old Town Library. Panels covering important social issues and CSU writers' readings can be seen at Wolverine Farm.

Receiving top billing are musicians-turned-authors Kim Gordon and Loudon Wainwright III. Gordon, co-founder of the iconic 80s rock band Sonic Youth, published her memoir "Girl In a Band" to international acclaim. Wainwright, author of "Liner Notes," has had songs covered by Johnny Cash and won Grammys. Both authors will sign books afterwards.

One event Auman would not miss is Ravi Howard's talk on his book "Driving the King," a fictionalized story of the driver and best friend of music icon Nat King Cole.

Between the panels and book signings, there will also be musical performances both in their own right and as part of the presentations. At several venues, Intersect Brewing will vend out a special edition American Blonde Ale called "Liner Notes."

"Will Herdrick, owner and brewer at Intersect Brewing, describes the American Blonde Ale as a 'smooth, easy-drinking crowd pleaser,'" Auman said. "He was inspired to create it by our headlining author-musician

Kim Gordon.”

The festival is completely free and open to the public, but seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Visit the [Book Fest's website](#) for more information.

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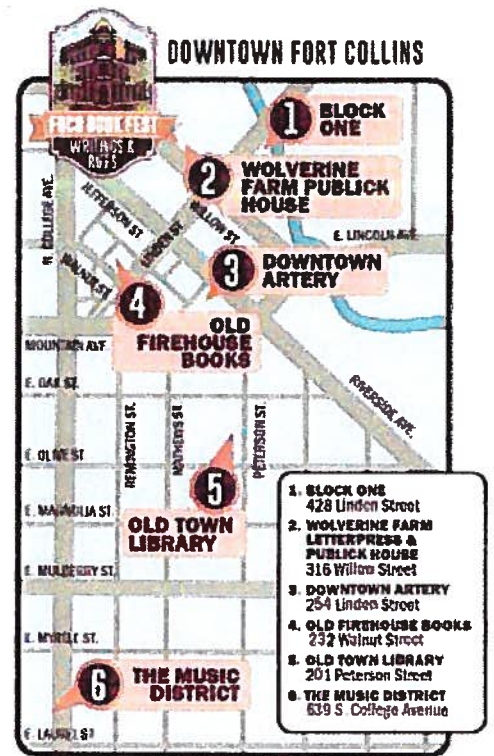


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## NEW DENVER EXHIBIT EXPLORES FEMALE IMPRESSIONIST PAINTERS

The Denver Art Museum will open a new exhibit Oct. 22 titled "Her Parks: Women Artists in the Age of Impressionism." The show will feature more than 80 paintings by 37 artists including Berthe Morisot, Mary Cassatt and Anna Ancher. The show

will run through Jan. 14. The Denver Art Museum is located at 100 W. 14th Ave. Parkway. Entry to the show is an additional ticket to the cost of museum admission. For more information, visit <http://denverartmuseum.org>.



## Mountain ash a hardy plains tree

European mountain ash is a hardy high plains tree. Fortunately, it has no relation to the taller green ash, which is susceptible to insect borers. The mountain ash reaches 15-25 feet and sports red berries in fall. The variety cardinal royal mountain ash has great disease resistance. There is also an oakleaf mountain ash, with oak-like leaves. Mountain ash trees grow well in our alkaline soils.

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# Chat with authors at Fort Collins Book Fest

By Ellen Flie  
Wyoming Tribune Eagle

When author Rick Beyer went to see the musical "Hamilton" on New Year's Day, he was hoping he'd stay awake.

His worry wasn't because he thought the show would be boring. He and his wife had arrived in Chicago that morning after ringing in 2017 in a Wisconsin town six hours away. It had been a long day already, so he was striving to not nod off during the musical.

He knew the material well, having just written a book about Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, but he wanted to see what the hype was about.

Once the lights dimmed and the first notes of the opening song, "Alexander Hamilton," began to play, there was no more concern about Beyer falling asleep. "I felt my heart racing," he said. "I genuinely thought I might have a heart attack. The music, staging and dancing was incredible. These people had turned history into something electrifying."

The musical will play heavily into one of Beyer's discussions at the second annual Fort Collins Book Festival on Oct. 21.

### If you go

**What:** Second annual Fort Collins Book Festival

**When:** Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Where:** Various locations in and around downtown Fort Collins

**Cost:** Free admission

**Phone:** 970-221-6740

**Online:** [www.facebook.com/fortcollinsbookfest](http://www.facebook.com/fortcollinsbookfest)

The theme for the annual event is "Writings and Riffs," since everyone involved is related to music—whether they're musicians, music journalists or writers who have written about music during their careers, like Beyer.

Six businesses in downtown Fort Collins, Colorado, will house more than 30 authors throughout the day. Guests at this year's festival will include Some Youth's Kim Gordon, singer-song-writer Loudon Wainwright and Rolling Stone magazine contributing editor Steve Knopper.

Some authors will do book signings. Others will lead discussions or writing workshops. The talks will cover topics such as the history of Colorado music, how to self-publish successfully and how music relates to society and culture. The author les-

### Fort Collins Book Festival locations

All locations in Fort Collins, Colorado

■ Block One, 428 Linden St.

■ Wokwene Fern Letterpress and Publish Here, 316 Willow St.

■ Downtown Artery, 254 Linden St.

■ Old Firehouse Books, 232 Walnut St.

■ Old Town Library, 201 Peterson St.

■ The Music District, 639 S. College Ave.

Sons will feature nonfiction essay writing and learning how to create well-rounded characters.

All of the workshops are free to attend, but anyone interested in attending should register in advance.

Beyer will be stationed at Old Firehouse Books and will give two talks, Saturday afternoon, one about "Hamilton" and one about quirky tales from music history. Each of these are tied in with his books: "Rivals: Unto Death: Hamilton and Burr" and "The Greatest Music Stories: Never Told," respectively. His son, who is a musician based in Denver, will

accompany Beyer during the "Hamilton" discussion.

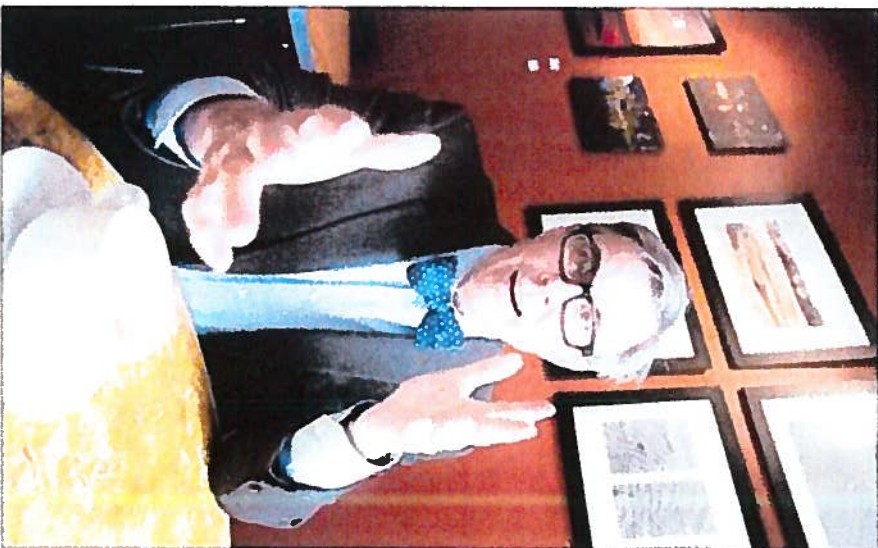
"I think the musical was fabulous, but obviously, it's going to leave things out and make some things up," he said. "I'm not here to take all the fun out of the musical, though. But when we see movies or a show like this, we're curious to find out what's real and what isn't. So I'm going to fact-check some footnotes in a fun way, with my son providing musical accompaniment."

For his second talk, Beyer will cover moments in music history that aren't widely known, such as how the Watergate scandal inspired the musical "A Chorus Line."

Since his passion is history, the author is excited to give these presentations, since he's getting the chance to talk about the past while adding a fun twist to each tale.

"History is the most amazing thing we have," he said. "These stories I'll talk about are some of the greatest, most fun ones we have. I love being able to show people how fun history can be."

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Author Rick Beyer will be one of many special guests at the second annual Fort Collins Book Festival on Oct. 21 in downtown Fort Collins, Colo. *Courtesy*





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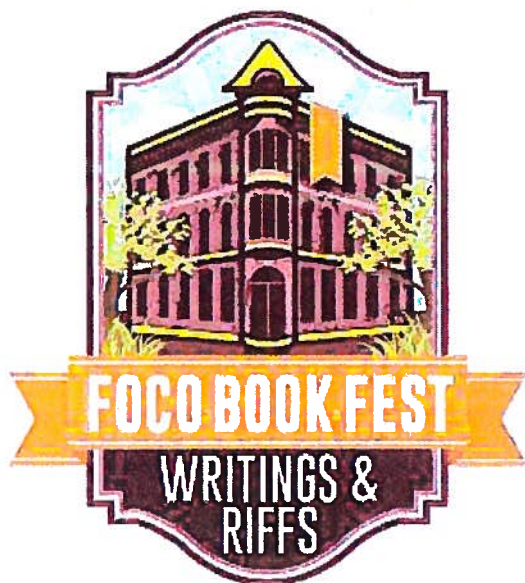
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**Frank Zappa famously said** that writing about music is like dancing about architecture, or maybe it was Theolonius monk. Or even Steve Martin.

No matter who said it, they did not do much to dissuade the speakers at the **FoCo Book Fest** this Saturday.





Nearly 50 speakers—including some world famous musicians—attended panels, gave book talks, led workshops and signed autographs at event centers throughout Old Town in tune with the Book Fest’s theme Writings and Riffs.

At the Downtown Artery and Block One Events, the event featured authors and world famous musicians who delved deep into their recent works before coming together to share their biggest influences.

The first featured speaker of the day was **Steve Knopper**, author of “**MJ: The Genius Michael Jackson**,” the self-proclaimed definitive biography of the king of pop.

Knopper, a prolific music journalist and contributing editor of the Rolling Stone, interviewed over 400 people involved in Jackson’s career to evidence the true brilliance in the often-misunderstood star.

In the Jackson 5 days, Michael managed to stand out despite the team of Motown songwriters and arrangers doing all the heavy lifting.

Another speaker was **Craig Werner**, cultural historian and member of the **Nominating Committee of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**. His book “For What it’s Worth: A New History of the Sixties” offers exactly what it says in the title—an unexpected look at the musical and political forces at work in the hippie generation.

“Gospel songs are the songs of hope,” Werner said quoting Mahalia Jackson. “When you sing them you are delivered of your burden. You have a feeling that there is a cure for what’s wrong.”

All `60s music is derivative of the gospel, rhythm and blues of African-American culture argues Werner, and with it comes this common sentiment of freedom, the cure for what is wrong. But everyone had a different meaning of freedom.

Using excerpts from the book, Werner broke down a lot of misconceptions about the `60s, such as that Martin Luther King Jr. was the sole harbinger of the civil rights movement or that John F. Kennedy was the progressive saint he is thought of today.



In between these arguments, Werner played a collection of iconic '60s anthems like "We Gotta Get Out Of This Place" by The Animals.

Headlining the Book Fest was **Loudon Wainwright III**, veteran folk songwriter-turned-author with pieces covered by **Johnny Cash** and a Grammy to boot.

He told a story from his book about his childhood friend **Liza Minnelli**, daughter of Judy Garland. Wainwright would chauffeur Minnelli around in a toy convertible as the future Oscar winner waved at invisible crowds of paparazzi.

Wainwright later put this memory to song with "Liza," which he performed for the Book Fest crowd.

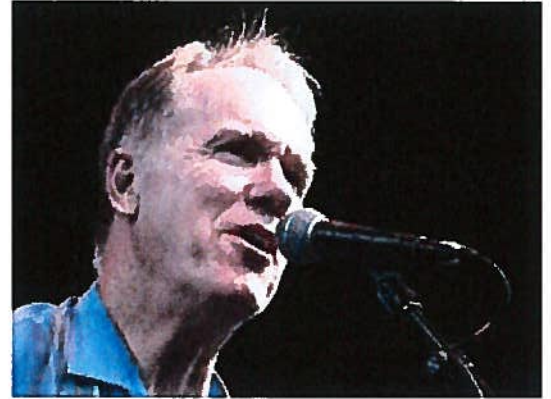
In the starkest possible contrast to Wainwright came the next headliner, Kim Gordon, co-founder of the iconic '80s post-punk rock band **Sonic Youth**. Rather than expound on herself in her memoir "**Girl in a Band**"—an act she admittedly does not enjoy—Gordon instead explained the philosophy underpinning much of her art.

"We dance and play and forget for a moment that we're all existentially alone," Gordon said. "Get me out of the 9-5 and onto the weekend."



Aside from being a musician and author, Gordon has undertaken forays into **visual art**, design, **directing**, **acting** and much more. Whenever she gets tired of one career, Gordon explained, she switches to something new.

Gordon, sitting aside Knopper, Wainwright, Khadijah Queen and Ravi Howard talked about their influences at the concluding panel "The Remix: Books That Made Me," moderated by



**Loudon Wainwright performing at Celebrate Brooklyn held at Prospect Park in New York City on July 20, 2010 – Photo Courtesy of FoCo Book Fest**

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the Founding Director of the [Colorado Music Hall of Fame](#) G. Brown.

Many of the books featured at the FoCo Book Fest can be picked up at [Old Firehouse Books](#) on 232 Walnut Street.

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# 2016 FOCO BOOK FEST: BREWIN' UP BOOKS

Poudre River Public Library District, Colorado

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## Innovation Summary

The "FoCo Book Fest" is an event celebrating literary themes that resonate with the community and showcase the cultural heritage and economic development of the region. The inaugural book fest theme, "Brewin' Up Books," highlighted the unique intersection of northern Colorado's strong craft brewing culture and our diverse literary arts.

## Problem Statement

There was an opportunity to create a venue for regionally/nationally known authors to speak to our community about unique topics, meet with festival attendees, provide literary programs and workshops and focus attention on libraries, books, and the literary arts in Fort Collins. A collaboration among public and academic libraries, the city, and local businesses could engage the community in unexpected ways while helping the library district reach new audiences.



## Innovation

We served as the lead producer of the "Book Fest" as an independent community-wide program, collaborating with the City of Fort Collins, Colorado State University, nonprofit and for-profit businesses to create the area's first large book festival. By aligning our annual festival themes around the city's Economic Development Clusters, we drew the business and entrepreneurial community into the library community to support books and authors, as well as cultural, social and economic priorities.

## Progress

The "FoCo Book Fest" was successful in providing a platform for libraries, business and nonprofit entities to engage the community in celebration of our local creative industries while drawing attention to the significance of libraries. Additionally, the event succeeded in supporting key library district initiatives outlined in our Strategic Plan including building community engagement, attracting target audiences, establishing partnerships and branding the library district as a center for continuous learning.

