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Literary artists invited to enter sanctioned show at San Mateo County Fair

Amateur and professional literary artists are invited to compete at the San Mateo County Fair slated for June.

Literary artists including bloggers, poets, short story writers, lyric songwriters, podcast and audiobook writers are invited to enter their works at the San Mateo County Fair's sanctioned literary show. The contests are open to anyone, regardless of residence, but the **deadline to enter is April 1** before midnight.

Contestants must be 16 years and older (younger literary artists can participate in the youth exhibits division).

"Our literary show is sanctioned by the California Writers Club, said Dana Stoehr, CEO of the San Mateo County Event Center and Fair. "A sanctioned show sets a standard for more comprehensive contest guidelines and regulates the continuity of qualified judges, among other benefits."

Through a partnership between the San Francisco Peninsula Writers and the San Mateo County Fair, the literary entries will be showcased in the fair's Fine Arts Galleria, an 18,000 square-foot exhibit area, complete with a stage and seating for 125 guests.

For over a decade the fair and the San Francisco Peninsula Writers have joined together to highlight the literary arts during the fair's annual run. The Literary Stage features workshops, panels, author presentations, one-act plays, interviews, poetry readings, musical groups, plus individual song and dance performances.

In addition to the literary contest division, other San Mateo County Fair contest divisions include agriculture, creative home arts, culinary, fine arts, floral arts, gardens and landscape, youth exhibits, youth livestock, horses and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). Contest details, entry deadlines and the online entry process are at sanmateocountyfair.com

The San Mateo County Fair is the Peninsula's premier community event for family fun and entertainment. The San Mateo County Fair strives to provide a diverse experience



through education, inspiration and entertainment. The annual fair represents a celebration of our community's talent, interests, innovations and rich agricultural and artistic heritage. The theme of the 2019 Fair is “Celebrating the Best of the Bay” and runs June 8 through June 16.

Visit sanmateocountyfair.com for regular updates, contest entry, ticket giveaways and promotions. #SMCF2019.

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