

EVENT TITLE: Virginia Center for the Creative Arts 50th Anniversary Reading

EVENT DESCRIPTION: Join us for a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts! With picturesque locations in Amherst, Virginia and Auvillar, France, VCCA has been providing established and emerging artists with the gift of time and space to create for half a century. Five VCCA Fellows will share their residency experiences and read from new work

EVENT CATEGORY: Multiple Literary Genres Reading

EVENT ORGANIZER: Clifford Garstang

EVENT MODERATOR:

Christina Baker Kline: A #1 NYT bestselling author of 8 novels, including *The Exiles*, *Orphan Train*, and *A Piece of the World*, Christina Baker Kline is published in 40 countries. Her novels have received the New England Prize for Fiction, the Maine Literary Award, and a Barnes & Noble Discover Award, among other awards.

EVENT PARTICIPANTS:

Patricia Chao's novels *Monkey King* (1995) and *Mambo Peligroso* (2005) were published by HarperCollins, and she has three additional manuscripts in process. Her poetry and essays have appeared in various anthologies and journals. She also reviews and writes about world music, specialty Latin.

Patricia Spears Jones, author of *A Lucent Fire: New and Selected Poems* (White Pine Press, 2015). Anthologized in *BAX: Best American Experimental Writing* (Wesleyan, 2016) and *Reel Verse: Poems About Movies* (Knopf). Awarded 2017 Jackson Poetry Prize. Taught at Hollins, Barnard, Adelphi and Hunter

E. Ethelbert Miller is a writer and literary activist. He was inducted into the Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame in 2015. In 2016 he received the AWP George Garrett Award For Outstanding Community Service in Literature. *When Your Wife has Tommy John Surgery* is his most recent book.