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AUSTIN LATINX MICRO-BOOK FESTIVAL

Austin's literary comunidad opens a new chapter with the inaugural Austin Latinx Micro-Book Festival at Red Salmon Arts y Casa de Resistencia Books.

This free, two-day gathering runs from 10:30 a.m.–7 p.m. Sat., Aug. 29, and noon–7 p.m. Sun., Aug. 30, bringing together Chicanx, Latinx and Indigenous writers, poets, storytellers and cultural keepers. Readers of all ages can connect through workshops, readings and conversations centered on the power of nuestras historias.

Don't miss these festival highlights:

- Aug. 29, 11 a.m.: Free writing workshop with Houston Poet Laureate Reyes Ramirez.
- Aug. 29, 11:30 a.m.: Children's storytime and snack.
- Aug. 29, 4–5:15 p.m.: Readings and book signings with Juania Sueños, Texas Poet Laureate Lupe Mendez and featured local writers.
- Aug. 30, 3:30 p.m.: FlowerSong Press authors reading and book signing.
- Aug. 30, 4 p.m.: Reading and book signing with Texas Poet Laureate Emmy Pérez.

Whether you want to strengthen your writing or meet your next favorite author, the festival offers a new space to celebrate Latine literature en comunidad. Register for a free workshop here!

"AMERICAN PACHUCO"

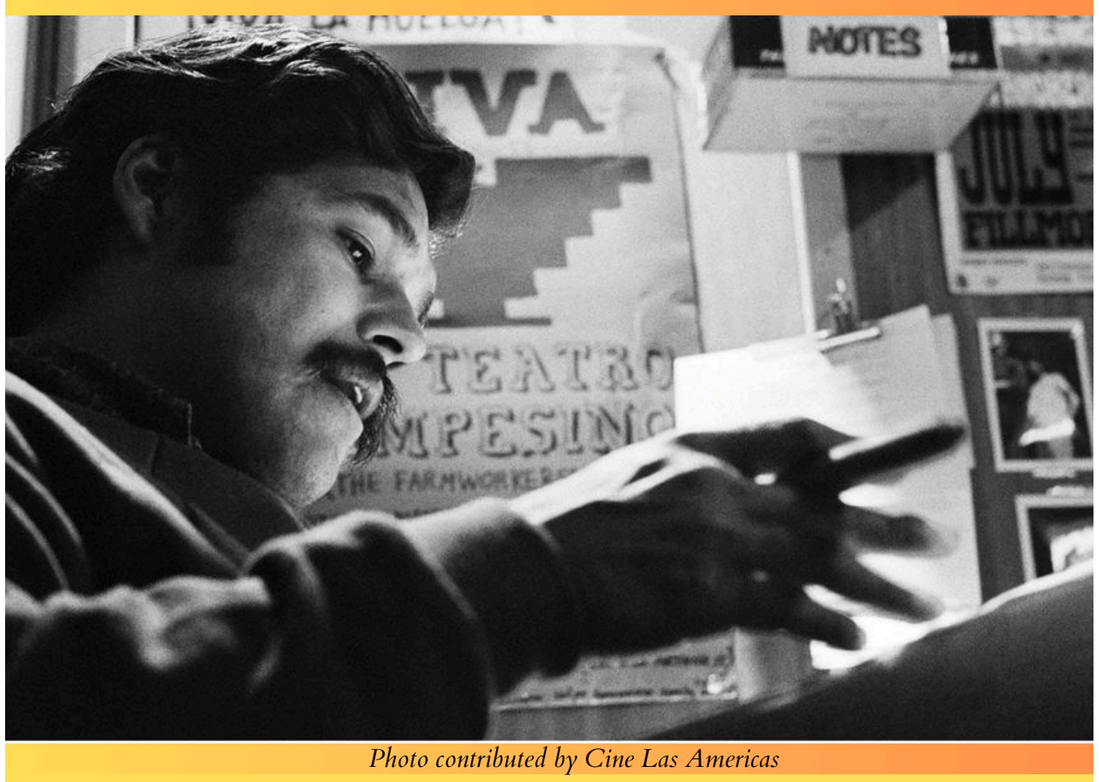


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Celebrate Chicano trailblazer Luis Valdez during Doc Nights at AFS Cinema with a screening of "American Pachuco: The Legend of Luis Valdez" on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

The documentary follows the career of the artist behind "Zoot Suit" and "La Bamba," with director David Alvarado joining the audience afterward for a live Q&A about his impact on Chicano storytelling and American cinema. Tickets start at $14.



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MUST-SEE LIVE MÚSICA



Frederico 7's new album drops in August with special release show. Photo contributed by Frederico7

Aug. 21: Miguel St. Michael y Los Milagros return to Meanwhile Brewing at 8:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert filled with cumbia, salsa, Latin soul and tropical grooves. Bring a blanket, grab a drink and dance through a summer night with one of Austin's favorite local bands. Free RSVP!

Aug. 23: Soak up music rooted in Brazilian soul, rhythm, and lived poetry. Austin-based Brazilian artist Frederico7's latest album "Brasileirôu" releases in August with a special show at The Rosette at 5 p.m. Tickets range from $35-50.

Aug. 27: Los Animéros celebrate their latest record with an in-store performance and signing at Waterloo Records at 5:30 p.m. The Austin group blends sounds inspired by Colombia, coastal Mexico and West Texas, bringing its border-crossing style to this special hometown show.

Aug. 29: MeadowFest returns with a full evening of live música from 5:30 p.m. to midnight, supporting greater access to mental health resources like the SIMS Foundation and Out Youth. The lineup brings together local favorites and Latine artists including Angélica Garcia and Gina Chavez. Ticket prices vary.

SUMMER SALSA

Add a little sabor to your semana with salsa, bachata y more. Whether you're new to the dance floor or ready to sharpen your moves, here are a few places to get started:

Aug. 29: Experienced dancers can join Cuban dance workshops at Balance Dance Studios (4544 S. Lamar Blvd.) from 11 a.m.–3:45 p.m., followed by a social at Cuba512 from 8 p.m.–midnight. Tickets range from $10–$70.

Wednesdays: Cabana Club Austin (5012 E. Seventh St.) hosts beginner bachata lessons at 8 p.m. and social dancing until 1 a.m. Admission is $10 for both or $5 for the social.

LATINA DAY WEEKEND

Celebrate National Latina Day during Latina Day Weekend, The Latina Foundation's annual gathering this año centers Latina wellness. The three-day experience brings mujeres together through cultural events, open conversations and opportunities to build new connections.

The weekend begins with La Mesa Latina, an intimate cena on Fri., Aug. 21, at Casa Chapala. On Sat., Aug. 22, the celebration continues with a wellness market and programming focused on caring for every part of ourselves, before wrapping up Sun., Aug. 23, with a closing community experience focused on connection y collective care. Programming explores mental, physical, financial and spiritual well-being through workshops, networking, creative activities and a marketplace featuring Latina-owned businesses.

Meet new amigas, recharge and celebrate nuestra comunidad!