Authors in the Round

October 16, 2026 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM Marathon Music Works

presented by: Humanities Tennessee

Each year Humanities Tennessee hosts an event that welcomes more than 350 guests to dine alongside a selection of nationally known authors. Authors in the Round (AIR), the Southern Festival of Books' signature fundraiser, ensures that Humanities Tennessee can continue to present the annual festival free of charge. The intimate dinner fundraiser has raised more than $1.6 million to support the festival in the past 16 years.

Among the oldest literary festivals in the country, the Southern Festival of Books: A Celebration of the Written Word attracts over 25,000 attendees each October to downtown Nashville. Each year, the festival features more than 150 authors, exhibitors, and numerous performers and artists across 2 performance stages. We look forward to celebrating the 38th year of the festival with you in October.

Humanities Tennessee is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Founded in 1973, our mission is to foster community and civility in Tennessee through public programs that examine and reflect upon ideas, stories, history, arts, and culture.

For sponsorship inquiries or team volunteering at SoFest, please contact René Dillard, Humanities Tennessee's Director of Development, at rene@humtn.org.

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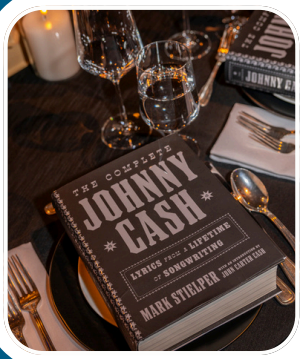

STORY STEWARD

$5,000

- Logo placement on Authors in the Round digital materials
- Host one table of 9 with a signed copy of author's book for every guest
- Recognized in Humanities TN Annual Report
- 2 invitations to Saturday SoFest Reception

PAGE TURNER

$7,500-$10,000

Includes all Story Steward benefits plus:

- Logo placement on Authors in the Round digital and print materials
- Name listed on printed program and on-site signange

READERS' CIRCLE

$12,500-$15,000

Includes all Page Turner benefits plus:

- Host two tables of 9 guests with a signed copy of author's book for each guest
- Verbal name recognition at Southern Festival of Books author sessions
- Exhibitor space at Southern Festival of Books
- 4 invitations to Saturday Southern Festival of Books Reception

FRIEND OF THE BOOK

$20,000+

Includes all Readers' Circle benefits plus:

- Host up to three tables of 9 guests with a signed copy of author's book for each guest
- Verbal name recognition at Authors in the Round and Southern Festival of Books sessions

Sponsorships for Authors in the Round (AIR) are recognized for both the dinner fundraising event and for the 38th annual Southern Festival of Books (SFB), to be held October 17-18, 2026.

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