

# NEWS RELEASE

## UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center

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**WHAT:** Amherst Lit Series  
In Celebration of Amherst's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Independent Journal and Book Fair, Opening Reception & Juniper Festival Launch**  
**Fri, April 24, 6-8 PM, Fine Arts Center Lobby**  
**Fair: Sat, April 25, 12:30PM - 5:30PM and 7:30PM-10PM, Fine Arts Center Lobby**  
Events are free open to the public, no tickets are required. For more information call 413-545-2511 or 800-999-UMas or online at [www.fineartscenter.com/amherstlit](http://www.fineartscenter.com/amherstlit)

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## **Double Birthday Celebration in Store with Independent Journal and Book Fair**

In celebration of *Massachusetts Review's* 50th birthday and Amherst's' 250th birthday there will be an **Independent Journal and Book Fair** and the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Juniper Festival Launch and reception on Friday, April 24, from 6-8 PM in the Fine Arts Center Lobby. The book fair and Juniper Festival continues the next day, Saturday, April 25, 12:30PM - 5:30PM and 7:30PM-10:00PM. The celebration offers a showcase of local, regional, and national independent journals and presses as well as two days of events including readings, roundtables and an exhibition of *Massachusetts Review* covers in the University Gallery. The exhibition includes a selection of original art works that ran on the covers, including work by Jerome Liebling, Leonard Baskin, Richard Yarde and Laylah Ali. . For more information and a complete schedule, visit [fineartscenter.com/amherstlit](http://fineartscenter.com/amherstlit). All events are free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

Participating Journals & Presses include Massachusetts Review, Conjunctions, Fence, Small Beer Press, Harvard Review, *The Iowa Review*, *jubilat*, Wave Books, Factory Hollow Press, Nor By Press, Perugia Press, *Worcester Review*, *Bateau*, notnostrums.com, *NowCulture*, *Rain Taxi Review of Books*, *Raritan*, *The Siense Shredder*, Tupelo Press, University of Massachusetts Press, *Microfilme*, *Noo*, Grommet, Clockroot, *Pocket Myths*, *New Sins*, *Slope*, Impress Inc., Drive By Poets and more.

**Schedule:**

**Friday April 24**

6PM: Independent Press Fair Opening Reception, *part of Amherst's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, co-sponsored by the Fine Arts Center*

8PM: Anne Halley Memorial Reading by Marilyn Hacker, Shira Erlichman & Amy Leach

**Saturday April 25**

12:30PM: Fair Re-opens

1PM: Address by Eric Lorberer, Founding Editor, *Rain Taxi Review of Books*

1:30PM: Editors Roundtable moderated by Eric Lorberer with: Lucy Corin, FC2 Christian Hawkey, *jubilat*, David Lenson, *Massachusetts Review*, Ethan Paquin, *Slope*; Ellen Doré Watson, *Massachusetts Review* & Alice James Books

3PM: Reading by Christian Hawkey, Thomas Glave & Deck of Cards poetry performance staged by Missoula Oblongata

8PM: Reading: Yusef Komunyakaa, Lucy Corin & lê thi diem thúy

**Exhibitions**

- University Gallery: 50 years of MR covers, with a selection of original art works that ran on the covers, including work by Jerome Liebling, Leonard Baskin, Richard Yarde and Laylah Ali. Opening reception Wednesday April 22, 5-7pm.
- W.E.B. Du Bois Library: historic letters, broadsides and other ephemera from the MR archives.

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