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## The Eleventh Annual Rainbow Book Fair Announces its Next Event; The First Since Before The COVID-19 Crisis, Set for April 22, 2023

The Rainbow Book Fair is happy and proud to announce that its next event will be held this spring.

After 3 years of COVID-19 closures and years at other New York City locations, the Rainbow Book Fair is partnering with the reopened and renovated LGBT Center. Once again, it takes over all three floors of this landmark building, providing increased room for more vendors, panel discussions, speakers, and mingling with authors, their fans, and potential book buyers and readers.

The New York Rainbow Fair brings together over 100 exhibitors, authors, publishers and nearly 2000 eager readers and fans of all ages and genders from the US, Canada, South America, and the rest of the LGBTQ+ world in an enthusiastic and supportive setting.

Writers, poets, editors and booksellers will share, sell and promote books, magazines and graphic novels that range from the serious to the wild, from the zany to the super hot. As always, the Fair will be bursting with book discounts and hourly book giveaways, a full day of panels on writing and publishing, author readings, and a non-stop Poetry Salon.

The event, sponsored by CLAGS, the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies at CUNY, promises to be a kaleidoscope of words, images, and talent. New writers will mingle with established authors, academic presses will display their wares side by side with magazines, graphic novels and speculative fiction. Panels discussions on the history and future of gay literature plus specialized events for genre readers and writers, guarantee something for all readers of the wider LGBTQ+ community.

This year's theme: WEIRD & QUEER! There has always been a thin line between queerness and weirdness. After all, "queer" means not just not conforming to gender and sexual norms, but strange and odd. This year, RBF will be celebrating the ways that queer writing has transformed science fiction, fantasy, and horror genres, with panels and readings showcasing the best in weird queerness (or queer weirdness!).

Of course, you don't have to be a fan of sci-fi or gothic lit to exhibit in or come to the Rainbow Book Fair! The largest expo of LGBTQ+ books in the US, and they've been bringing together queer readers, writers, and publishers for over a decade.

To book a table, go to www.rainbowfair.com

The 11th Annual New York Rainbow Book Fair will be held on April 22th, 2023 at The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center, 208 West 13th Street (between 7th and 8th Avenues), New York, NY, from 12:00 PM until 6:00PM. The event is free with a suggested donation. The Center is wheel-chair accessible. Sign language interpreters are available upon advance request. For more

information, go to www.rainbowbookfair.com.

Organizers and selected authors may be available for press interviews regarding this event. To schedule interviews or to cover this event, please contact The Rainbow Art Fair Media Contact: Darrell Perry <u>rainbowbookfair123@gmail.com</u> or call (917) 783 0127