**GonzoFest 2025: New Orleans**

**May 15–18, 2025**

\*\* Note: Some scheduling will change, as new events are added.

**Allways Lounge**

**Thursday May 15th 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Mark Lipman, PW Covington, Claire Conroy, Chris Dean, Michael Duckwall, Atlas, Tyler Frederick, Frogg Corpse, Ron Whitehead, John Succi, Ben Holland, Julianne King, John Michael, Bishop, Todd Cirillo, Jimmy Broccoli.

**Garden District Bookshop**

**FRIDAY May 16th 5pm-10pm**

5:00 **MUSIC** by Zu Zu Ya Ya <https://www.zuzuyaya.com/>

5:30 **Readings by Jeff Weddle**, State of Alabama Beat Poet Laureate (2024-2026) and the author of more than a dozen books of poetry and prose. His ***Bohemian New Orleans: The Story of the Outsider and Loujon Press***, won the 2007 Eudora Welty Prize.

5:45: **Readings by Mark Lipman**, US Beat Poetry Laureate 2024-2025, founder of the press Vagabond, winner of the 2015 Joe Hill Labor Poetry Award

6:05 ***Christopher Tidmore*** welcomes the audience

6:15 **Ron Whitehead**: **Keynote Address** on The State of Gonzo

6:25: Romain Thomassin (French filmmaker) shows—exclusively at the GonzoFest, otherwise restricted to Europe(!)—his brand-new **“Hunter’s Favorite Spots in San Francisco” documentary** (15 min.) created for the highly popular “Inspiration: Invitation to Travel” TV series on the Arte channel in France. In the film are Hunter’s historic spots, such as Hwy 1 and the Seal Rock Inn. And short appearances by Peter Richardson, David Streitfeld, and Margaret Harrell on location in San Francisco.

6:50 - ½ hour - **William McKeen** on Rock ‘n Roll presentation, with **Power Point (embedded music)**

7:25 – **Music/Rock and Roll panel**: William McKeen, TR Johnson, David Amram, Dan McCarthy, moderated by John Brick

8:15 – Break

8:25: **Peter Richardson** presents “Gonzo as “The Problem with Gonzo”

8:55 – Break

9:05 Kristine Ross (daughter of Deborah Fuller): **“Deborah Fuller: Life at Owl Farm”**

9:45 Claire Clancy plays music

**Howlin’ Wolf Club**

**Friday May 16th 10pm – 2am**

10 pm Zu Zu Ya Ya

10:45 pm Jeff Weddle, Paige Turner, Ron Whitehead

11 pm Frank Messina and Friends

11:45 pm Chris Dean, Mark Lipman, Westley Penland

Midnight – 2am: Tommy Bays, Tommy Twilight, Dreamie Daze, Noel Mitchell, Drew Smith

**Roberts Bar**

**Friday Night/Saturday Morning May 16/17th 2am-4am**

Late Late Night GonzoFest managed by Eddy Lonzo

Open Mic (poetry and music), sharing of Hunter S. Thompson Stories, and the film *The Road to Hunter* by Sara Booth

3125 Calhoun St. Uptown New Orleans 70125

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Roberts-Bar-100065520758305/>

**Saturday May 17th**

**Afternoon**

12 pm–2 p.m.: Christopher Tidmore leads a tour of Hunter’s favorite spots in New Orleans: a walking excursion around the city.

2:30pm-4pm: Kurt Hemmer leads a visit to William S. Burroughs former house across the river from New Orleans in Algiers. This is the residence Jack Kerouac visited that later became part of the novel *On the Road*. At the house, people are invited to read brief passages from *On the Road* and from Hunter's praise of Burroughs, which Kurt will provide. Meet in front of the Garden District Bookshop at 2:30 pm.

**Garden District Bookshop**

**Saturday May 17th 5pm-10pm**

**5:00**  **Brendan Lorber**

**5:15** Maine Beat Poet Laureate **Claire Conroy**

**5:30**: Music: **Zu Zu Ya Ya** <https://www.zuzuyaya.com/>

[https://open.spotify.com/artist/08f56GqS6eDh0dLTiDZtNk?si](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fopen.spotify.com%2Fartist%2F08f56GqS6eDh0dLTiDZtNk%3Fsi%3DZcXqdWYhSLWDBPN8DA06yg&data=05%7C02%7C%7C366ab72945e2490879ff08dc9f08a172%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638560106625495272%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Yg5gEpfHIutbDa2Eo09Sb4EsfIwniD9qN%2Fmf5DlLuyo%3D&reserved=0)

**6:00** **Frank Messina** backed by Zu Zu Ya Ya

**6:15** **Ron Whitehead**: “Shooting Up Poetry in New Orleans” backed by Zu Zu Ya Ya

**6:30** Kurt Hemmer: **"The Living Theatre, 1959" a passage from Kurt Hemmer's *The Poem Human: A Gregory Corso Biography*.**

**6:45**: **Pia Hinckle** gives a Work in Progress reading from her book:*Sorry for Fu#k You: A Father–Daughter Memoir of Drink, Ink & Catholicism*

**7:00: break**

**7:10: Panel: Stories from the daughters of Gonzo**—with and without Hunter.

Pia and Hilary Hinckle (Warren’s daughters), Carlota Acosta (Oscar Zeta Acosta’s niece), Holly Krassner Dawson (Paul Krassner’s daughter), Katie and Claire Clancy (daughters of John Clancy), moderated by Christopher Tidmore

**8:20 : Break**

**8:30**: **Round Table discussion led by Kent Fielding—on the *Fear and Loathing* *in Las Vegas* essays**, drawing on the expertise of the contributors—This is a brand-new anthology. Participating are Victoria Elmwood, TR Johnson, Kurt Hemmer, and Ron Whitehead.

**9:20: Break**

**9:30: Dr. John Brick: “A Walking Tour of Lost Resonances in *Vegas*”**

**Library Bar**

**Saturday May 17th 10pm – 2am**

10:00 – 11:00 pm: Sean Cole, Brendan Lorber, Michael Duckwall, Sean F. Munro, Todd Cirillo, Frogg Corpse

11:00 – Midnight: Kit Johnson, Eddy Lonzo, Dan Denton, Damian Rucci,

Midnight – 1 am: Alex Ragsdale, Willow Senjamin, John Succi, Anja Kidd, Tyler Frederick, Paige Turner

1 am: Avila Sol-Rey, Alison Hendricks**,** Jessica Bryant, Cain Vaught, Andres LaBrada

**Garden District Bookshop**

**Sunday May 18th 8am-10pm**

**Sunday morning: Poetry**

8-9 am: Andres LaBrada, Tommy Bays

9 am: Wayatt VanZuuk, Chris Byrd, Kent Fielding, Jennifer Seelig, Chris Dean

10 - 11 am: Callia Fielding, Paige Turner, Tyler Frederick, Anthea Snow, Tom Murphy

11:00 – Noon: Joe Kidd and Sheila Burke (music), Westley Penland, Jimmy Broccoli

**Sunday afternoon: Panels, Films, Readings**

Noon: From a work-in-progress about Warren Hinckle **| A Film by George Csicsery**

12:30 pm – A reading of John Clancy’s unpublished “Gonzo Fragments” – stories of Hunter S. Thompson (with Curtis Robinson and Claire Clancy)

12:45 – Hells Angels Letters audiobook (introduced by Margaret A. Harrell)

1:00—**Panel: “Hunter As His Friends Knew Him”** –Curtis Robinson, David Streitfeld, Paul Wilcox (former neighbor), David Amram, Ellie Rand (assistant to Hunter in Woody Creek 1988-1990), Kristine Ross (daughter of Deborah Fuller) and Margaret A. Harrell (moderated by Tim Denevi).

2:30—book signings, music by **Dreamie Daze**

2:30—**Grant Goodwine** – 1 hour – he creates live Gonzo art piece on stage. People gather round, because he lays it on the ground.

3:30 **Playwright Carlos Morton** introduces a readers’ theater performance of *Brown Buffalo*, a play about Oscar Zeta Acosta, which follows.

5:00: Discussion about the play

5:15 – 6:15 : **Music and Poetry**: Tommy Bays, Dreamie Daze, Michael E. Duckwall, and Chris Dean

**EVENING – 6:15 p.m.–10:00**

**6:15: “Hunter on Campus,”** a media presentation and then Q & A by Curtis Robinson

7:30: Break

7:45: **Katie Clancy**, Hunter’s friend John Clancy’s daughter, reads the Medicine Journey (and/or gives talk about working at the Rolling Stone)

8:00: **Timothy Ferris** video tribute

8:10 Break

8:20: **New Orleans poets**: Michelle Antoinette Nicholson, Andy Young, and Carolyn Hembree

9:05 Break

9:15: **David Amram** **with special guests Herman LeBeaux, Adam Amram and others** perform - beginning with a poem with Frank Messina and “The Sound and Meaning of Words” with Ron Whitehead

**Café Istanbul**

**Sunday May 18th 10pm – 2am**

10 pm: Zu Zu Ya Ya

11 pm: Soul Stu

11:40 pm: poets – Kit Johnson, Michael Duckwall, PW Covington

Midnight: Noel Mitchell, Dreamie Daze

1 am: Avila Sol-Rey, Tommy Bays,

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