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## LOS ANGELES REVIEW OF BOOKS

### **Los Angeles Review of Books's Variety Program, the *LARB Radio Hour*, Moves to Prime Time on KPFK 90.7 FM**

**Los Angeles, CA** - The Los Angeles Review of Books announced today that the *LARB Radio Hour*, its variety program on KPFK 90.7 FM, will begin airing at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday starting today. The show, which initially substituted for Andrew Tonkovich's *Bibliocracy* at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, has earned a permanent slot on KPFK 90.7 FM's prime-time schedule. The *LARB Radio Hour* is co-hosted by Tom Lutz, Laurie Winer, and Seth Greenland.

"We at KPFK are thrilled about bringing *LARB Radio* into its Thursday afternoon line-up," said Alan Minsky, the KPFK Program Director. "Tom, Laurie, and Seth anchor a truly dynamic show that features engaging discussions of literature and the important intellectual issues of our time. I've followed the development of the *Los Angeles Review of Books* since its inception. In my opinion it has rapidly developed into one of the most exciting literary projects of the 21st century."

The inaugural broadcast of the 3:30 p.m. show will feature discussions with crime novelist Gary Phillips on the business side of genre fiction, diversity in crime writing, and editing the genre fiction collection *Black Pulp*; comedy writer Betsy Borns, notably of *Roseanne* and *Friends*, on the rise of Amy Schumer; Boris Dralyuk, lecturer in Russian at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, on Ukrainian noir writer Andrey Kurkov; and Meri Nana-Ama Danquah, Ghana-born writer, notable speechwriter, and author of the memoir *Willow Weep for Me*, who will read a poem by Warsan Shire, Kenyan-born Somali poet, from the collection *Our Men Do Not Belong to Us*.

"*LARB Radio Hour* continues our push into the future of communication," said Tom Lutz, co-host and the editor-in-chief of the *Los Angeles Review of Books*. "We are convinced it will change the media landscape forever. It's hard to imagine how Twitter will survive once people start listening to the radio, and we're glad to do our part in fostering this exciting new upstart technology."

The radio program is a weekly half-hour variety show comprised of serious interviews, humorous banter, and everything arts and culture in between. Past guests have included Michael Silverblatt, host of *Bookworm* on KCRW; Laila Lalami, author of *The Moor's Account*, which was short-listed for the Pulitzer Prize; legendary poet Nikki Giovanni; US Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera; and essayist and *Los Angeles Times* columnist Meghan Daum.

"Not since Three Dog Night warbled "One Is the Loneliest Number" have three such distinct and captivating voices ... wait ... not since the three Brontë sisters took pen to ... wait, I'll just say it's

a privilege to be able to have a weekly literary conversation with Tom and Laurie," said Seth Greenland, "and we're looking forward to expanding our listenership in the new time slot."

Laurie Winer added, "Talking about books and culture with Tom Lutz and Seth Greenland is the highpoint of my week. I'm looking forward to sharing our conversations with new listeners and of course with our two devoted fans, Jon and Jamie."

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