

# Becoming

17-20 APRIL 2026  
DUMAGUETE CITY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**DAY 0**  
April 16

**Lee-Adriano Residence**  
Bantayan

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

### Milton x Stack: A Dinner and A Long Poem

With The Circle and Buglas Writers Guild Officers and Simon Stack  
Hosted by Annabelle Lee-Adriano and Aaron Jalalon

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**DAY 1**  
April 17

**The Courtyard**  
58 EJ Blanco

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

### Festival Welcome

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

### This is Dumaguete Music #1

With the Belltower Project

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

### Panel 1

### Writing in a Transforming, Emerging Region: The Case for NIR Literature

Panelists: Ann Verbosidad [Bayawan], Jonathan Davila [Bacolod], Rolin Migyel Obina [Bais], Andre Aniñon [Dumaguete], and Shane Jay Fabugais [Siquijor]  
Moderator: Matthew Yasi

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

### The Literary Legacy of the Tiempos

Speaker: Alana Leilani Narciso  
Introduced by Kaycee Melon

**The Presidencia**  
Dumaguete

5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

### Launch Dumaguete as UNESCO City of Literature

With the Philippine Commission for the UNESCO [UNACOM] and the Dumaguete City LGU  
Hosted by Hanz Villanueva

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

### A Special Performance

### Sisa: Panaghoy ng Pinakamiserableng Babaeng Katha ni Rizal

Written by Allan Derain and Rowena Festin  
With D'Salag Collective  
Presented by Knights of Rizal Negros Oriental  
Directed by Hope Tinambacan  
Starring Onna Rhea Quizo  
Introduced by Dessa Quesada-Palm

**The Courtyard**  
58 EJ Blanco

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

### This is Dumaguete Music and Poetry #2

With the Belltower Project and Silliman Writers Bloc  
Hosted by Katinka Visitacion

**DAY 2**  
April 18

**Marina Clubhouse**  
Filinvest Dumaguete

9:00 AM – 12:00 NN

### #KiligKraft: Learning to Write a Contemporary Filipino Romance Novel

Curated by Mina Esguerra with Romanceclass authors

FREE WITH PRE-REGISTRATION

**The Sala**  
58 EJ Blanco

9:00 AM – 12:00 NN

### Children's Events

Curated by Gayle Acar and hosted by Katinka Visitacion

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

### Learn About Philippine Birds

Coloring Session and Book Talk with Vince Pascua

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### Storytelling with Silliman Creative Writing Students

11:00 AM – 12:00 NN

### Bahay-Bahayan: A Talk on Illustrating Children's Books

Panelist: Adrian Panadero and Fran Ong  
Moderator: Hannah Magno

**The Courtyard**  
58 EJ Blanco

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

### This is Dumaguete Music #3

With the Belltower Project

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

### Panel 2

### The Transformative in Creative Nonfiction

Panelists: Rica Bolipata-Santos, Susan S. Lara, Merlie Alunan, and Serafin Plotria Jr.  
Moderator: Jazzy Lyle Samson

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

### Panel 3

### Is There a Pinoy Stephen King? The Need for More Horror in Philippine Literature

Panelists: Yvette Tan and Ian Rosales Casocot  
Moderator: Hannah Magno

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

### Panel 4

### What's the Virgin in Virgin Labfest?

Panelists: Rody Vera, Tanya Lopez, and Glenn Sevilla Mas  
Moderator: Dessa Quesada-Palm

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

### Launch

### The Last Days of Magic: Stories by Ian Rosales Casocot

With Anvil Publishing  
Host: Renz Torres

**Fermentina Garden**  
58 EJ Blanco

8:00 PM – 9:30 PM

### Special Event

### Bossing's Spice Level 5: More Erotic Readings!

With RomanceClass  
Hosted by Mina Esguerra



April 17-19  
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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58 EJ Blanco**

### ZINE FEST AND LITERARY BAZAAR

**DAY 3**  
April 19

**Various Stops**  
Dumaguete

9:00 AM – 12:00 NN



### Dumaguete Literary Tour for Guests

Curated by Ian Rosales Casocot  
for the City Tourism Office

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**The Sala**  
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9:00 AM – 12:00 NN

### Children's Events

Curated by Gayle Acar and hosted by Katinka Visitacion

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

### Stories About Disability

Panelist: Bambi Rodriguez  
Reading *Super Maya and Her Amazing Ears*  
and Joanna Que and Charina Marquez's *Dancing Hands*  
Learning Sign Language with Elvis Alaton

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### Stories About Virtue

Reading and Book Signing  
Dazzle Ng's *When an Elephant Hears No and When a Rhino Has to Wait*  
Koren Fontelo's *Tiny Talks, Timeless Moments*

11:00 AM – 12:00 NN

### Special Panel | Why You Should Read with Kids: Notes on Family Time

Panelists: Koren Fontelo, Gayle Acar, Grace Dousel, and Merlo Fuentes  
Moderator: Heidi Ormo

**The Courtyard**  
58 EJ Blanco

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

### Panel 5

### The Writing of Fiction, Now

Panelists: Yvette Tan, Kate Torralba, Susan S. Lara, Andrea Pasion-Flores, Geraldine Solon, and Claire Betita de Guzman  
Moderator: F. Jordan Carnice

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

### Panel 6

### The Writing of Film, Now

Panelists: Rody Vera, Glenn Sevilla Mas, and Andrew Alvarez  
[with Rey Anthony Villaverde as local discussant]  
Moderator: Amiel Lopez

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

### Panel 7

### Writing in Translation, Now

Panelists: Merlie Alunan, Genevieve Asenjo, and Benjie Kitay  
[with Lyde Villanueva as local discussant]  
Moderator: Jireh Catacutan

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

### Panel 8

### Everything You Need to Know about Publishing in the Philippines Today

Panelists: Charisse Tugade, Andrea Pasion-Flores, Rica Bolipata-Santos, Gelo Lopez, R. Jordan Santos, Warlito Caturay Jr., Ian Rosales Casocot, and Evgeniya Spiridonova  
Moderator: Lea Sicat-Reyes

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM

### Special Event

### Music and Writing Can Mix!

With Kate Torralba and Hope Tinambacan  
Hosted by Gayle Acar

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM

### The Final Word

### Writing in Dangerous Times

With Atom Araullo  
Introduced by Ian Rosales Casocot  
Meet and greet and book signing follows at the sala

7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

### Festival Closing

Music + Festival Summary in Visual Notes  
Hosted by Patch Puengan

**Hayahay**

8:00 PM – 9:30 PM

### Festival Music

featuring local bands  
Hosted by Simon Alvarez

**DAY 4**  
April 20

**LibrAria Books**  
58 EJ Blanco

09:00 AM to 12:00 NN

### Book Signing with select authors

