

THRILLERFEST XXI WEEK
May 5 - May 9, 2026

All events take place onsite at the New York Hilton Midtown. Learn more at www.thrillerfest.com.

* Denotes that separate registration is required; not included in CraftFest or ThrillerFest registration.

Friday, May 8, 2026

Saturday, May 9, 2026

ConnectFest (NEW!) *
 by appointment only: 8:30am – 11:30am and 1:00pm – 4:00pm.
 For both aspiring and published authors who want feedback on taking their career to the next level. No pitching.

QueryFest *
 by appointment only: 8:00am - 5:00pm
 For authors of all levels who want feedback on their query package. No pitching.

ThrillerFest
 8:00am - 6:00pm
 Panels, interviews, and signings.
 Schedule released in Spring 2026.

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Debut Author Breakfast
 9:00am - 10:00am
 Celebrate the Debut Class of 2026 over a buffet breakfast. Included with ThrillerFest registration.

**Friday Night
 Cocktail Party**
 6:00pm - 7:30pm
 Included with ThrillerFest registration

**ITW Thriller Awards
 Banquet ***
 7:00pm
 Registration includes the
Pre-Banquet Cocktail Party (6:00pm - 7:00pm),
The Banquet and Awards Ceremony (7:00pm), and the
ThrillerMaster After Party (10:00pm)