

# Montclair concert to benefit Blk Grrrl Book Fair

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*A benefit concert for the Blk Grrrl Book Fair will take place this Sunday, March 5, at 5 p.m. and will be held at the American Legion Crawford Crews Post 251, located at 210 Bloomfield Ave.*



*(Photo: Image courtesy of Teka-Lark Lo)*

Coming to Montclair in June is the Blk Grrrl Book Fair, a one-day event that will bring together female authors and spotlight their work that doesn't always get exposure.

Making that event happen requires a number of things, including financial support, which is why there will be a benefit concert for the book fair this coming Sunday, March 5.

The concert, known as Grrrl Band, will start at 5 p.m. and will be held in the American Legion Crawford Crews Post 251, located at 210 Bloomfield Ave.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for students and \$20 for adults, although it is a suggested fee, according to concert organizer Teka-Lark Lo, and no one will be turned away. There will also be vegan food provided by the Food Not Bombs collective.

Featured performers include Gabbi, Hillside daband, Baby Hands, Tula Vera, and Lily Vakili. Most of the performers are Montclair-based, said Lo, a Bloomfield resident who is a poet.

The concert is being produced by the Blk Grrrl Book Fair and Montclair Makes Music.

Lo told The Montclair Times that the community support has been positive for the concert and for the book fair.

She said the idea behind the concert was that March is Women's History Month and there's International Women's Day on Wednesday, March 8. Also, she wanted to celebrate the wealth of female musical talent in Montclair.

"There is so many wonderful women-fronted or girl-fronted bands in Montclair, and especially at Montclair High School, and even there are women-fronted adult bands like Lily Vakili," Lo said. "And I wanted [the concert] to be multi-racial and multi-generational."

Lo said the proceeds from the concert will go toward paying the authors who will be participating in the Blk Grrrl Book Fair, which will be held on Saturday, June 3, at the United Way Building, 60 South Fullerton Ave.

For more information about the concert and the book fair, visit <https://blkgrrrl.com/> or contact contact Teka-Lark Lo at [blkgrrrlshow@gmail.com](mailto:blkgrrrlshow@gmail.com).

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