2026 COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

December 30, 2025



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Serving on the Coop's Board of Directors is a meaningful way to deepen your engagement with and service to your Coop. There is one open Board position to be elected in 2026 for a three-year term. Members are invited to nominate themselves.

Nominations are due on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5 p.m.* Candidates will be elected at the 2026 Annual Meeting on June 30.

BOARD STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Park Slope Food Coop is governed by a Board of Directors composed of five members elected by Coop member-owners. All elected members serve three-year terms. In addition, the senior General Coordinator present at the General Meeting serves in an *ex officio* capacity.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Regularly attend monthly General Meetings, the Annual Meeting and any other meetings as necessary.
- Thoroughly review all meeting materials in advance to participate responsibly at General Meetings.
- Follow the Seven Principles of Cooperation, the Coop's mission statement, the Coop's bylaws and the Guide to the General and Annual Meeting.
- Uphold fiduciary duties on behalf of the Coop and its member-owners. Board directors have legal and ethical duties to:
    - Act carefully: Make thoughtful, informed decisions and exercise the same care and concern for board responsibilities as any prudent person would in managing their own affairs. Avoid actions that could reasonably jeopardize the Coop's financial stability or its ability to operate.
    - Act loyally: Place the interests of the Coop ahead of personal interests, disclose

all conflicts of interest and avoid using Board service as a means for personal or commercial gain.

- Act lawfully: Ensure the Coop complies with all applicable laws and regulations and doesn't engage in illegal or unauthorized activities. Carry out the Coop's mission in conjunction with its purposes as stated in the Coop's governing documents.
- Act prudently: Exercise reasonable business judgment in managing financial resources and investments.

For more information about Coop governance, please see The GM and the Board of Directors *and* Amended Bylaws of Park Slope Food Coop*.*

BOARD DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND MEETINGS

The Board of Directors is the legally required decision-making body of the Park Slope Food Coop. The Board convenes monthly at the Coop's General Meeting, to which all members are invited. The GM is the portion of the Board of Directors meeting during which members meet to discuss and vote on agenda items to provide advice to the Board of Directors on those items.

The GM has been an integral part of the Coop's decision-making body since our inception. Members play an active role in decision-making by submitting agenda items, attending General Meetings, voting on proposals presented at the GM and electing the Board of Directors. Members' votes on proposals are considered advice to the Board. At the end of the General Meeting, the Board will either accept or reject the members' advice. The Board's role doesn't overshadow or replace the member initiative, discussion and advice expressed through voting, which are at the heart of the General Meeting.

If you have never attended a General Meeting and are interested in a Board position, we encourage you to attend the upcoming GMs on January 27 and February 24.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a candidate statement of up to 750 words that includes your responses to the following questions. Your statement will be published in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, posted in the Coop Corner and distributed to all member-owners.

1. What inspired you to consider serving on the Park Slope Food Coop Board of Directors?

2. Share any skills, interests and experience you would bring to the Board. Examples may be drawn from any personal, educational, work/professional or volunteer experience.

3. Describe your PSFC work slot experience briefly.

4. **At the time of application, are you aware of any endorsement of your candidacy by any Coop member-run group, or do you expect to receive any endorsement or organized support from such a group, including groups advocating for or against boycotts?***

5. PSFC is "good food at an affordable price for working members through cooperation." What does that mean to you?

Send your candidate statement and photo to gazettesubmissions@psfc.coop or drop off your application at the Membership Office. Please include your name and member number. If submitting electronically, attach a Word document or paste your statement in the email body. Include a head-and-shoulders photo if available; otherwise, your member ID photo will be used.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDACY

1. Submit your statement and the optional photo by **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5 p.m.***
2. Attend the March 31, 2026, General Meeting, where you will introduce yourself and answer questions from members during the candidate presentation portion of the agenda.

KEY DATES:

Candidate Applications Due: **March 2, 2026***

Candidate Presentation at GM: March 31, 2026

Election Period: June 1–28, 2026

Annual Meeting: June 30, 2026

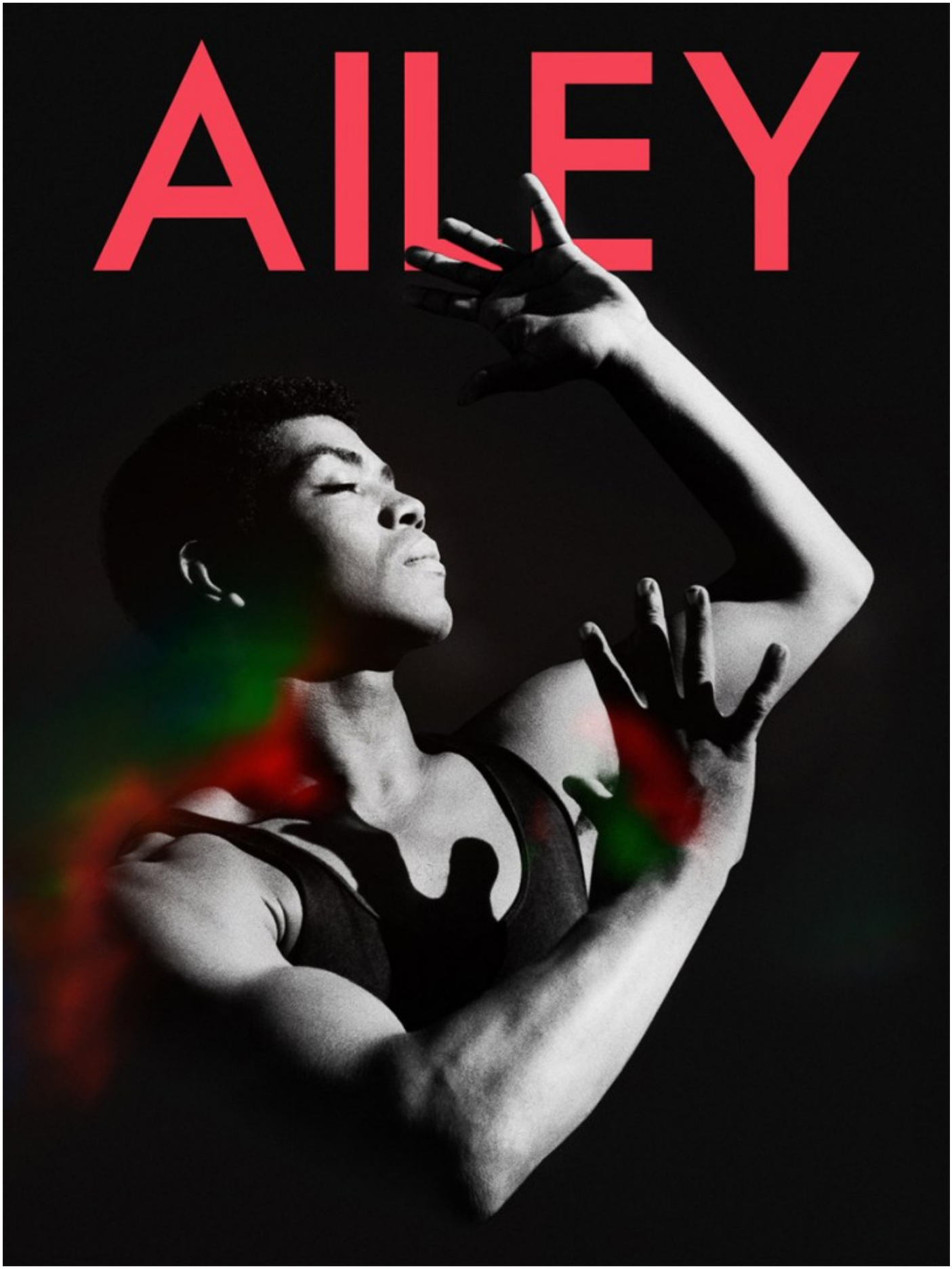
*** As of February 28, information above indicated with an asterisk has been updated. These updates are reflected in Question #4 and in the deadline date, which has been changed from March 1 to March 2.**

FILM NIGHT: AILEY (2021)

December 30, 2025



Alvin Ailey was a visionary artist who found salvation through dance. An immersive portrait told in his own words and through the creation of a new commission inspired by his life, *Ailey* fully profiles this brilliant and enigmatic man who—when confronted by a world that refused to embrace him—was determined to build one that would.


AILEY

Naiti Gámez is an award-winning director and cinematographer. Her film credits have screened at dozens of festivals worldwide including Festival de Cannes, Sundance Film Festival, Berlinale, Camerimage and many others. TV/Streaming credits include HBO Max, AppleTV+, Showtime, Hulu, PBS, ESPN, MTV, Discovery Channel and more. Naiti has also worked at nonprofit organizations, and as an educator. She holds a B.A. in Latin American Studies from Smith College, and an M.F.A. in Film Production from the University of Texas at Austin.

This film will be screened by Zoom on **Thursday, December 11, at 7pm.** Cinematographer Naiti Gámez will be present for a Q+A after the screening.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81280173727

Meeting ID: 812 8017 3727

Coop Film Night is a monthly screening series where we showcase some of the amazing artistic talent within the Coop's member community. Directors, actors, producers, editors, cinematographers, and composers share their work via a Zoom screening, followed by a live q&a. We've screened everything from Academy Award winners to short Youtube films, all made or crewed by Coop members! Please join us for a fun and stimulating evening and help us to celebrate the incredible work of your fellow members.

To be added to our email listserv for future screening announcements, please send a request to jlymiller@me.com.

CALLING ALL HOME COOKS!

December 30, 2025

A CALL FOR HOME COOKS

The Food Coop Cooking Class Squad is looking for members to teach cooking classes!

Share some of your favorite dishes or family culinary traditions as part of the coop's monthly cooking class series.

Interested? Get in touch!

foodcoopcooks.org/contact

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CHAIR COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

December 30, 2025



October 28, 2025

The Chair Committee administers the monthly General Meetings of the Coop. The

Chair Committee oversees the execution of meeting agendas as set by the Agenda Committee.

We seek members with extensive experience in developing, maintaining and facilitating hybrid virtual and in-person meetings. Selected members may either serve on an ad hoc tech committee to design hybrid meetings, and/or stay on as permanent members of the Chair Committee to run the virtual component of GMs.

Applicants should have at least a minimum of three years of Coop membership before applying for this committee, experience working shifts at the Coop and excellent attendance.

The Committee meets monthly at the General Meeting. Additional work and meetings outside the scheduled time will be required.

If you have the relevant work experience and Coop tenure and are interested in serving the Coop in this capacity, please email your resume and a letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for this important Committee to psfcchair@gmail.com. Please put “Chair Committee Application” in the subject line.

Deadline for Applications: November 15, 2025

Diversity Statement: We seek an application pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop’s membership.

FOOD CLASS: EGGPLANT 101

December 30, 2025

The Park Slope Food Coop Cooking Squad presents

eggplant 101

with guest chef Leila Darabi

September 24 @ 7:30 pm EDT

LEARN TO MAKE TWO
PERSIAN EGGPLANT DIPS

KALEH KABOB
with walnuts, pomegranate, and herbs
(vegan)

KASHK-E BADEMJAN
with whey
(vegetarian)



Leila is an Iranian-American home cook and storyteller. You may recognize her voice from the Linewaiters' Gazette or PBS Frontline's Tehran Bureau, where she occasionally wrote about food.

Check out her IG: @persian_ish.

Coop cooking classes are NOW both in person and online!

TO REGISTER:
foodcoopcooks.org/rsvp
IG: foodcoopcooks

Come meet Leila!
In-person classes are held at the Park Slope Food Coop.
$10 cash-only fee is taken at the door to help cover the cost of ingredients (for tastings--yum!)
Online is still free.

September 16, 2025

Join us with Guest Chef Leila Darabi to make two Persian eggplant dips on Wednesday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Coop's monthly cooking series. The class will be in person at the Coop *and* streamed online via Zoom. For in-person attendees, there is a $10 cash-only fee taken at the door to help cover the cost of ingredients. Attendees will get to interact with the chef and sample the recipes!

About the Chef

Leila Darabi is an Iranian-American home cook and storyteller. You may recognize her voice from the *Linewaiters' Gazette* or PBS Frontline's Tehran Bureau, where she occasionally wrote about food. She will be sharing two Persian eggplant dips: kaleh kabob with walnuts, pomegranate and herbs (vegan), and kashk-e bademjan with whey (vegetarian). Find her on Instagram here: @persian_ish.

RSVP, Participate and Follow

Sign up for classes, download recipes, and find shopping lists to cook from home at foodcoopcooks.org. As classes are added, they will show up on the Squad's home page. Check back regularly for updates! Follow the Cooking Squad on Instagram at instagram.com/foodcoopcooks for more content, including shopping sessions with guest chefs!

Teach a Class

Though cooperation is at the heart of the Coop's mission, so is food! The Cooking Committee is looking for guest chefs to share their food expertise, traditions and special treats. Members receive FTOP credit for preparing and delivering classes. Tell us what you want to teach at foodcoopcooks.org/contact.

WORDSPROUTS: CARINA FINN

December 30, 2025



September 16, 2025

By Susan Horwich

Please join us for the sixth installment of our newly revived WordSprouts program in partnership with the Old Stone House.

WordSprouts is a long-running PSFC author series, where Coop authors share thoughts about their works and process. To get updates about WordSprouts events, check the *Linewaiters' Gazette* or sign up for the WordSprouts mailing list at psfcword-sprouts@gmail.com.

Our next event:
Speaker: Carina Finn (PSFC member)
Literary Genre: Fantasy

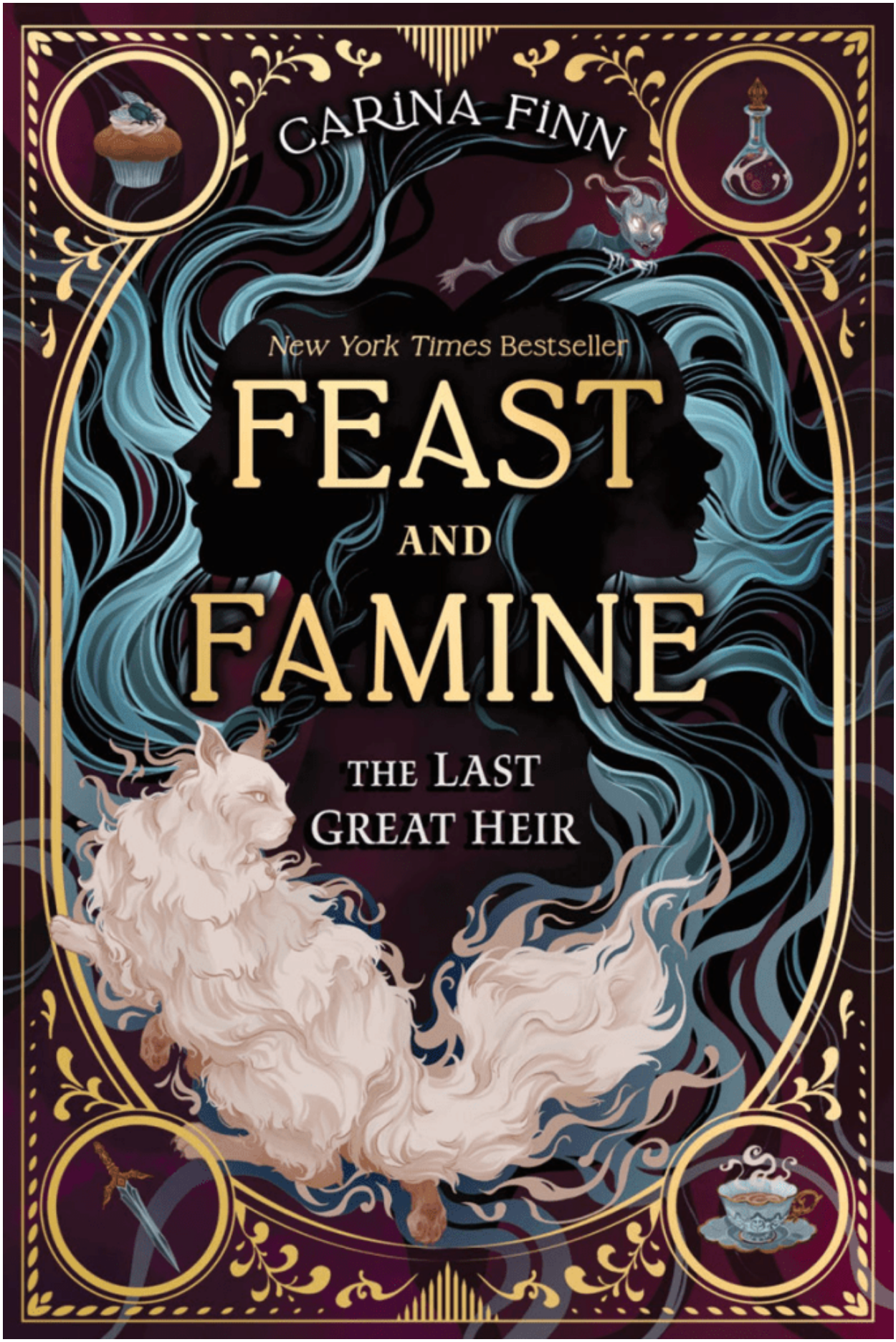
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When: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 — doors open at 6:45 p.m., event begins at 7:00 p.m.
Where: Old Stone House, 336 3rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215

RSVP: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wordsprouts-the-park-slope-food-coop-reading-series-tickets-1413975582029?aff=oddtdtcreator

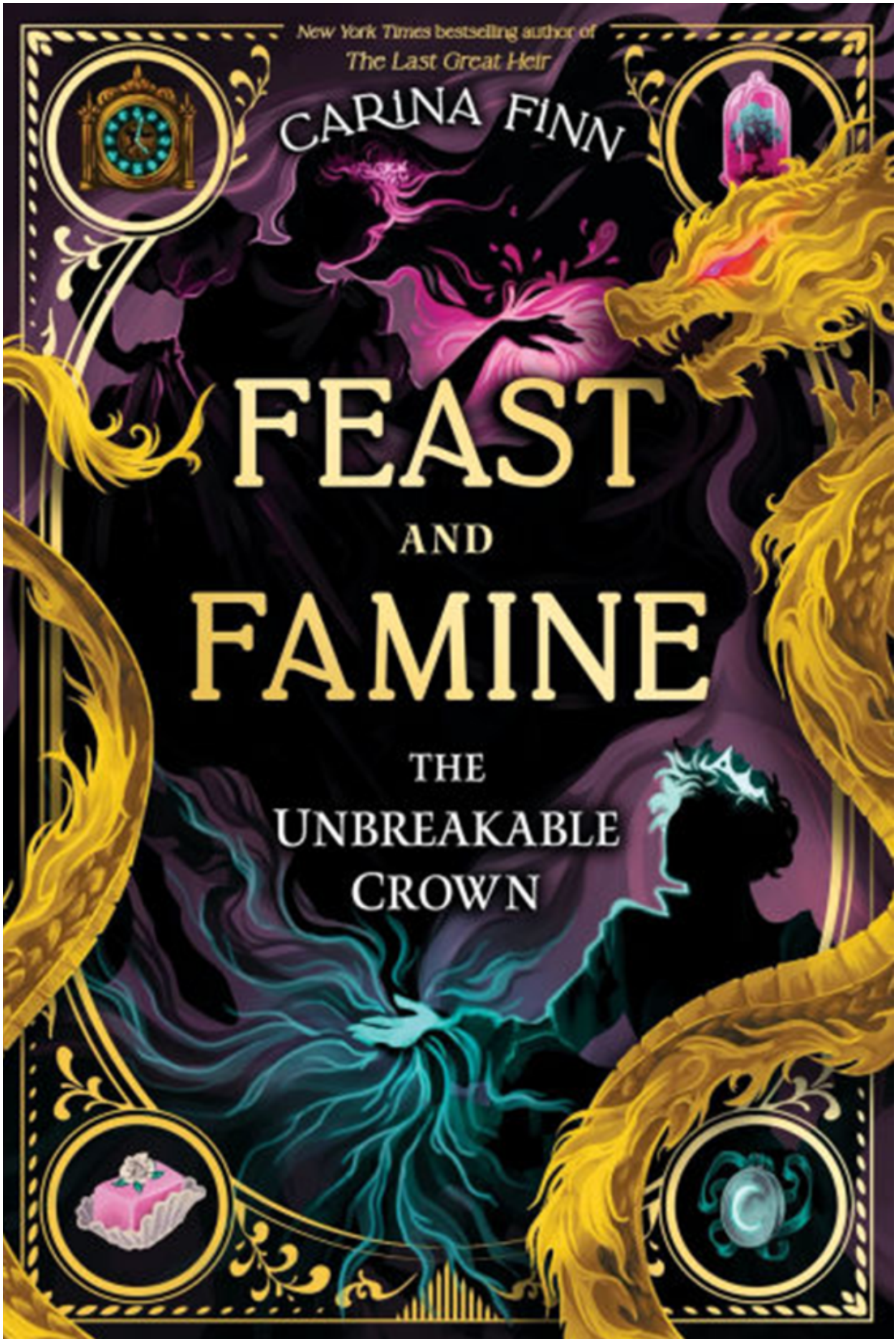
Carina will read aloud from her newly published book, *Feast and Famine: The Last Great Heir* (Sourcebooks, 2025). *Feast and Famine* is a middle-grade fantasy series targeted toward ages 9-13 but designed to be enjoyed by readers of all ages!

In the first two chapters of *Feast and Famine: The Last Great Heir,* which is set in a magical kingdom, the reader is introduced to Rue and then Merri—two 12-year-old girls who are faced with challenges that a reader of any age, gender or culture can relate to.


CARINA FINN
New York Times Bestseller
FEAST
AND
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THE LAST
GREAT HEIR

In the book, Carina includes a recipe for Fauret Patisserie's Famous Cream Puffs, which will be the "highlight" snack served at the WordSprouts event.

In her Acknowledgements, Carina concludes with an encouraging note to the reader: "And finally, thank you, reader. I hope you've had fun ramping around with Merri and Rue, but most of all, I hope it made you want to invent your own world to wander."


New York Times bestselling author of
The Last Great Heir
CARINA FINN
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Carina Finn is a food-obsessed writer, editor and content creator. Her debut middle--grade novel, *Feast and Famine: The Last Great Heir*, became an instant *New York Times* bestseller. She has written for numerous publications, including *Bon Appétit, Epicurious, Food Network Magazine, Eater, Bustle* and others. She splits her time between Brooklyn and upstate New York and loves sharing her adventures in cooking, eating and writing on social media. Find her everywhere on the internet at @sheneedsasnack. Carina is most active on Instagram, TikTok, and Substack.

Carina's favorite Coop snack is Kona Cashews! Carina said about her favorite Coop shift: "I love working checkout because it's fascinating to see how other people shop, and I always discover new things I didn't know we sold."

Carina's presentation will be followed by questions from the audience and drinks and snacks courtesy of the Coop (don't miss Fauret Patisserie's Famous Cream Puffs!). Carina will be available to sign copies of *Feast and Famine: The Last Great Heir,* and she will bring some copies to sell. The book is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, as well as other booksellers. The second book in the series, *Feast and Famine: The Unbreakable Crown* can be pre-ordered (2/3/26 release date) at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

WordSprouts Mission Statement: to showcase local writers who are members of the Coop and cultivate friendships between Coop members and our larger community.

WordSprouts' Committee includes committee leader Sarah Schenck and committee members Susan Horwich and Ruthie Nachmany.