

Poly Queer Love Ballad | Sacrificial Poet Bios

Robyn Kaur Sidhu (November 26th at 7:30pm)

Robyn Kaur Sidhu (she/her/they/them) is a Queer, Punjabi-Canadian spoken word poet based in what is colonially known as Hamilton, Ontario. She is currently enrolled at McMaster University, where she pretends to know what she wants to do with her life.

She has had feelings publicly, and has performed them on national and international stages in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. She is a director for the Voices of Today festival, as well as a member of the SpeakNORTH Board of Directors. She is also a facilitator with Canvas: arts action programs, and loves being an arts educator. She is trying to be gentle with herself always. You can find Robyn in vintage cardigans or also on the internet if that's your thing @Robyn_Sidhu

Alessandra Naccarato (November 27th at 7:30pm)

Alessandra Naccarato is the recipient of the 2015 RBC Bronwen Wallace Award for Emerging Writers and the winner of the 2017 CBC Poetry Prize. Currently based in Toronto, she holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia, and has toured nationally and internationally as a spoken word artist. Her debut poetry collection, *Re-Origin of Species* (Book*hug, 2019) combines personal narrative and natural study to tell a story of adaptation and evolution, and was featured in Fall Previews by CBC Books, 49th Shelf, and the Globe and Mail.

Charlie C Petch (November 28th at 7:30pm)

Charlie C Petch is an award winning playwright, spoken word artist, haiku deathmaster, host and musical saw player. Petch is touring their spoken word theatre piece, "Mel Malarkey Gets the Bum's Rush" which got "Best of 2017" from Electric City Magazine for the radio play accompanying album "Odes & Acts". They have published books with Wordpress and LyricalMyrical and poems with Descant, The Toronto Quarterly, Matrix and Oratorealis journals. They will be publishing a full length poetry book with Brick Books in Fall 2021. Petch is the creative director of "Hot Damn It's A Queer Slam" a multi-city touring poetry slam series

Twoey Gray (November 29th at 7:30pm)

Twoey Gray is a Toronto-based poet, zinester, arts-educator, and madgirl sweet tooth. After graduating from Toronto's BAM Youth Slam, Twoey's work has been seen at events and workshops across the continent, including Brave New Voices and the College Unions Poetry Slam International. In 2016, she was Toronto's representative at the Women of the World Poetry Slam, the most elite poetry slam for women. Her words have shared stages with spoken word all-stars including Shane Koyczan and Andrea Gibson. She's definitely drank the sugar-water from a jar of maraschino cherries.

Cassandra Myers (November 30th at 2pm)

Cassandra Myers (she/they) is a mad, crip, poly-queer mad poet, community worker, and arts activist performing across North America for over six years. The 2018 Canadian Festival of Spoken Word Champion and the 2018 Best Poet at the College Union Poetry Slam, Cass focuses on issues of survivorship, gender-bending, and decolonizing the body.

Natalie Wee (November 30th at 7:30pm)

Natalie Wee is a queer Peranakan community-builder. She has received nominations for the Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net Anthology. Born in Singapore to Malaysian parents, she is currently a settler in Tkaronto (Toronto).

Luke Reece (December 1st at 2pm)

In a failed attempt to escape Presto Luke left his hometown of Mississauga under the guise of becoming a Toronto-based artist. He strives to share authentic and engaging stories with audiences through his work as a

producer, playwright, poet and educator. He is the Producer for Canada's leading culturally specific theatre company, Obsidian Theatre. He continually seeks opportunities to empower and support young-in-craft artists with his collective Little Black Afro Theatre, creating spaces for artists to develop work with and for the communities they come from. After becoming the Toronto Poetry Slam (TPS) Grand Champion in 2017, Luke went on to captain the 2017 TPS team that became national champions at the Canadian Festival of Spoken Word, and coached the 2018 national champions as well. He competed in Vancouver in April 2018 at the Canadian Individual Poetry Slam and placed 2nd in the country. This spring Luke placed 4th at the 2019 World Cup of Poetry Slam in Paris, France, as the Canadian representative.