

For West Seattle (and beyond!) Writers, Readers and Community

## 2014



## 2019

### Season 1

Karen Finneyfrock  
Elissa Washuta  
Rick Barot  
Lena Khalaf Tuffaha  
Kate Lebo  
Molly Wizenberg  
Frances McCue  
Jennie Shortridge  
Jennifer D. Munro  
Sarah Steinke  
Elizabeth Austen  
Michelle Peñaloza  
Kelli Russell Agodon  
January Gill O'Neil  
Allen Braden  
Lyanda Lynn Haupt  
Sundee T. Frazier  
Charles Johnson  
Elisheba Johnson

### Season 2

Nicole Hardy  
Jourdan Imani Keith  
Ruby de Luna  
Stephanie Timm  
Allison Green,  
Hannah Faith Notess  
Christine Deavel  
J. W. Marshall  
Kathleen Flenniken  
Stephanie Kallos  
Claudia Castro Luna  
Oliver de la Paz  
Jenifer Browne Lawrence  
Lana McMullen  
Kelly Jones  
Dana Simpson  
Christopher Robinson  
Gavin Kovite  
Michael Schmeltzer

### Season 3

Tod Marshall  
Quenton Baker  
Lori A. May  
Alma Garcia  
Imani Sims  
Claudia Rowe  
Anastacia Renee Tolbert  
Sierra Nelson  
Ann Teplick  
Donna Miscolta  
Shankar Narayan  
Terrance Hayes  
Jane Wong  
Laura Da'  
Lena Khalaf Tuffaha  
Sundee T. Frazier  
Kazu Kibuishi

### Season 4

Daemond Arrindell  
Jeanine Walker  
Roberto Ascalon  
Robert Frances Flor  
Sharon Bryan  
Gretchen Schrafft  
Susan Landgraf  
Nancy Pearl  
Elizabeth Bradfield  
Lyanda Lynn Haupt  
Dianne Aprile  
Melinda Mueller  
Aimee Nezhukumatathil  
Susan Rich  
Rachel Kessler  
Matthew Zapruder  
Suzanne Selfors  
Dana Simpson

### Season 5

Greg November  
Joannie Stangeland  
Stacey Levine  
Anca L. Szilágyi  
Bruce Beasley  
Carol Guess  
Susanne Paola  
E. J. Koh  
Juan Carlos Reyes  
Michele Bombardier  
Natasha Kochicheril Moni  
Catherine Barnett  
Renee Simms  
Mark Doty  
Ilya Kaminsky  
Erica Bauermeister  
Alan Chong Lau  
**Cake in the Garden Readers:**  
Elizabeth Austen  
Quenton Baker  
Rick Barot  
Claudia Castro Luna  
Christine Deaval  
Lyanda Lynn Haupt  
Rachel Kessler  
John Marshall  
Greg November  
Renee Simms  
Ann Teplick

### About WordsWest

WordsWest was founded and co-curated by Katy E. Ellis, Harold Taw and Susan Rich. From September 2014 to June 2019, every third Wednesday at C & P Coffee Company, WordsWest hosted literary events that featured world-class published local and national authors, craft discussions and guided writing explorations. Local community members joined each event by reciting a Favorite Poem.

## You Must Love What Is Raw and Hungered For

January Gill O'Neil, Season 1

Meanwhile, the sunlight off broken glass is everywhere

Oliver de la Paz, Season 2

I make a box of darkness with a bird in its heart

Terrance Hayes, Season 3

...you will see my name become a little kite dancing in the wind

Daemond Arrindell, Season 4

Tonight we don't die and don't die

Ilya Kaminsky, Season 5

I learned to hear her voice as a kind of map

Kate Lebo, Season 1

This is the place where my baby bones, still soft, were cast into the river

Jourdan Imani Keith, Season 2

There are several ways to talk about the haunted

Imani Sims, Season 3

What does a fifteen-year-old girl know of patience?

Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Season 4

Don't bury me under briars called romantic

Joannie Stangeland, Season 5

Razed down to the quick, her roses promise to return. Prolific. Invasive.

Allen Braden, Season 1

I was trapped by my own reflection

Dana Simpson, Season 2

Our new bodies obliterate old frontiers

Laura Da', Season 3

That we can know what it is for a fox to be happy

Elizabeth Bradfield, Season 4

In the sibilant of its leaving it says what air would say

Bruce Beasley, Season 5

The "exquisite corpse" poem above was created by the community on June 19, 2019 at the series ending celebration event.

### West Seattle Favorite Poem Project 2014—2019

Pegasus Book Exchange, Emma (E.M.) Epps: Excerpt from Satire I by Juvenal—Northwest Art & Frame, Jessica Bloch: "The Sugar-Plum Tree" by Eugene Field—Delridge Grocery Co-Op, Reya Born: "Poetry" by Pablo Neruda—Twilight Gallery & Boutique, Jenna Rose Garriton: "The Chimney Sweeper" by William Blake—M3 Bodyworks, Alison Kennedy: "Herbal Wrap" by Sharon Olds—Carmilia's Boutique, Linda Sabee and her son Carsten Sabee: "The cat's song" by Marge Piercy (Linda); "Invictus" by William Ernest Henley (Carsten)—West Seattle Acupuncture, Paul Nojaim: "How Do We Forgive Our Fathers?" by Dick Lourie (as in the film Smoke Signals by Sherman Alexie)—The Office Junction, Eric Jordan: "Aspects of Robinson" by Weldon Kees—West Seattle Branch of The Seattle Public Library, Leslie Sumida: "Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll—C & P Coffee Company, Peter Moores: "Lost in the Forest" by Pablo Neruda—Elliott Salon, Carolyn Elliott: "The False Friends" by Dorothy Parker—West Seattle Food Bank, Jean Manwaring: "Story of Us" by Gardner McFall—Isthmus, a literary journal, Ann Przyzcki: "Around Us" by Marvin Bell—Hedgebrook alumna Lena Khalaf Tuffaha: "Precious" by Suheir Hammad—Vessel Consulting, Annie Von Essen: "Wild Geese" by Mary Oliver—Pathfinder K-8, Victoria Melton: "Praise Song for the Day" by Elizabeth Alexander—Page 2 Books, Jenny Cole: "Etelephony" by Laura Elizabeth Richards—Rain City Forge, Adia Mei Jun Bobo: "Fabric" by Don Blanding—Seattle City Councilmember Lisa Herbold: "This Be the Verse" by Philip Larkin—Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Sam Lunsdorf: "The Owl and the Pussycat" by Edward Lear—West Seattle Food Bank, Jean Manwaring: "Sea Fever" by John Masefield—Mineral School, Jane Hodges: "Eagle Poem" by Joy Harjo—Hedgebrook Alumna Susan Rich: "Gate A-4" by Naomi Shihab Nye—ACLU of Washington, Christie Vukos-Walker: "Human Family" by Maya Angelou—Open Books: A Poem Emporium, Gabrielle Bates: "Still When I Picture It the Face of God Is a White Man's Face" by Shane McCrae—Pathfinder K-8, Kelly Riggle Hower: "The Circus Animals' Desertion" and "Brown Penny" by William Butler Yeats—Page 2 Books, Jenny Cole: "The Purple Cow" by Gelett Burgess—Maketa Born Consulting, Maketa Born: "Barefoot Stroll" by Mariahadessa Ekere Tallie—Reading Partners Seattle, Alexis Acciani: "On Turning Ten" by Billy Collins—West Seattle Food Bank, Liz Heller: "Epilogue" from The Tempest by William Shakespeare—Allison Green, Hedgebrook alumna: "Astrohearts" by Elba Rosario Sánchez—Reading Partners Seattle, Taylor Gilliam: "The Land of Happy" by Shel Silverstein—Glenn Brooks, community member: "This Is Just to Say" by William Carlos Williams—Open Books: A Poem Emporium, Abi Pollockoff: "Alphabet" by Inger Christensen—Mud Bay Admiral, Eva Duleba: "Self-Love" by Rupi Kaur—Page 2 Books, Jenny Cole: "I'm Just No Good at Rhyming" by Heidi Seaburn: "Letter to Peterson from the Pike Place Market" by Richard Hugo—Reading Partners Seattle, Hannah Tyne: "Kindness" by Naomi Shihab Nye—Maggie Dieringer, Volunteer for West Seattle Food Bank: "The More It Snows" by A.A. Milne (from Winnie the Pooh)—Fawn Coussens, MSPT, Kinetic Physical Therapy: "Love After Love" by Derek Walcott—Mihna Born, West Seattle High School student: Rupi Kaur "I want to apologize to all the women I have called pretty..."—Open Books, Gabrielle Bates: "Scheherazade" by Richard Siken—Open Books, Abi Pollockoff: "Alphabet" by Inger Christensen—C & P Coffee Company, Peter Moores: "Gratitude" by Norah Tunney—WordsWest Co-curator, Harold Taw: "When My Brother Fell" by Essex Hemphill.