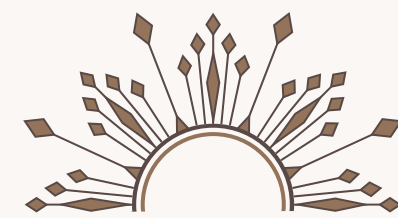




# Poetry Reading



Thursday, October 27, 2022

5:30 – 7:00 pm in Palace B

Organized by Elizabeth Jacobson

**Elizabeth Jacobson** was the fifth Poet Laureate of Santa Fe, New Mexico and an Academy of American Poets 2020 Laureate Fellow. Her most recent book, *Not into the Blossoms and Not into the Air*, won the New Measure Poetry Prize, selected by Marianne Boruch (Free Verse Editions/Parlor Press, 2019), and the 2019 New Mexico-Arizona Book Award for both New Mexico Poetry and Best New Mexico Book. Elizabeth is the Reviews Editor for the online literary journal *Terrain.org*. She curates a community reading series for Santa Fe's Center for Contemporary Arts and teaches poetry workshops regularly in the community. For current publications visit: [linktr.ee/ElizabethJacobson](https://linktr.ee/ElizabethJacobson)



**Sawnie Morris'** full-length collection, *Her, Infinite* (New Issues Press, 2016) won the national 2015 New Issues Poetry Prize and is described by Major Jackson as "A polyvocal, strident book of immense intelligence... a ceremony of tantalizing music. Against both psychic and industrial defilement of our mountains and rivers...these poems are sacramental...recovering us back to our spiritual significance." Honors include a Poetry Society of America Bogin Memorial Award, the Ruth Stone Poetry Prize, inclusion in Best American Experimental Poetry, a feature in Poets & Writers Magazine, and a chapbook in *The Sound A Raven Makes*, winner of a New Mexico Book Award. Sawnie is co-founder of Amigos Bravos, a non-profit advocacy organization for the waters of New Mexico. She served as the inaugural Poet Laureate of Taos (2018-2019).

**James Thomas Stevens**, Aronhió:ta's, (Akwesasne Mohawk) attended the Institute of American Indian Arts, Naropa University's Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics, and Brown University. Stevens is a 2000 Whiting Award recipient, has authored eight books of poetry including, *Combing the Snakes from His Hair* and *A Bridge Dead in the Water*. His most recent book is *The Golden Book*, SplitLevel Press, April, 2021. He is a Full Professor in the undergraduate Creative Writing Department at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM.



**Oz Leshem** is a poet from Taos, New Mexico. They are the 2021 Santa Fe Youth Poet Laureate and a national gold medalist in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Oz is an editor for *Cathartic Youth Literary Magazine*, a magazine aiming to create a safe space to urge the conversation on mental health and suicide prevention amongst teenagers. Oz's work has been published in *Teen Ink*, *Ice Lolly Review*, *Clear Skies Zine*, and *Dreams of Montezuma*, among others. They are a Miller Scholar, a recipient of the New Mexico State New York Life Award, and a semi-finalist for the 2021 National Student Poets Program.