

THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PRESENTS:

WEHO READS 2021



2/17, 6PM AMPLIFYING NEW VOICES

In celebration of Black History Month, **Danez Smith**, poet and author of *HOMIE* (2020 National Book Critics Circle Award Nominee), sits in conversation with **Aurielle Marie** (*Gumbo Ya Ya*). With musical guest **Robbie Pollock**.

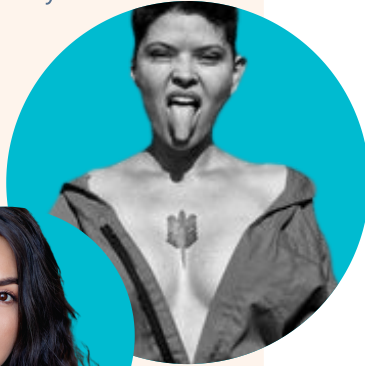


3/3, 6PM THE MODERN HIKERS GUIDE TO GRIFFITH PARK

Join **Casey Schreiner**, author of the LA Times bestseller *Discovering Griffith Park: A Local's Guide*, for a presentation on everything this legendary urban park has to offer, as it celebrates its 125th anniversary - including where to hike, bike, and surprising facts about its place in movies and LGBTQ history.

3/17, 6PM IN YOUR FACE-- WOMXN WRITING TRUTH

In celebration of Women's History Month, **Myriam Gurba**, author of *Mean*, talks to **Randa Jarrar** about her new memoir, *Love is an Ex-Country*. With musical guest **Kelly Caballero**.



4/7, 6PM EXPLORING THE LANDSCAPE OF THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Poets read and discuss representation in relation to the history of the local LGBTQ rights movement. With **Rocio Carlos** and **Gustavo Hernandez** (*Flower Grand First*) and musical guests **Mariachi Arcoiris de Los Angeles**.



4/14, 6PM "IT IS TIME TO CROSS THE THRESHOLD ON YOUR HANDS."

In celebration of National Poetry Month, West Hollywood City Poet Laureate **Brian Sonia-Wallace** brings together poets for an exploration of thresholds in language, gender, and geography - with **Terry Wolverton**, **féi hernandez**, **Aleysha Wise Hernandez**, **Alan Pelaez Lopez**, and **Harry Giles**. Culminates in writing prompts and a virtual afterparty for participants to share work.



5/12, 6PM CREATING HOLLYWOOD CHINESE

In celebration of Asian American History Month, join us for a conversation between **Arthur Dong**, author of *Hollywood Chinese*, and **Charles Yu**, author of *Interior Chinatown* (Winner, National Book Award 2020 for Fiction).



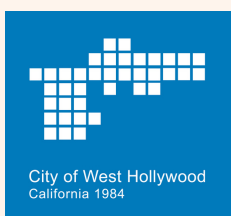
5/19, 6PM ALTERNATIVE FUTURES: THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEING YOURSELF IN YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

A reading and conversation between **James Sie**, author of *All Kinds of Other* and **Skylar Kergil**, author of *Before I Had the Words*. With musical guest **Jiaqing Wilson-Yang**, whose first novel *Small Beauty* won the 2017 Lambda Literary Award for Transgender Fiction.



6/16, 6PM LEGACY AND LINEAGE AND THE LOST GENERATION

In celebration of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and as part of the City's **One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival** (www.weho.org/pride), poets read and discuss works by mentors they've never met alongside their own work. With **Rajiv Mohabir**, **Dare Williams**, and **Jubi Arriola-Headley** and musical guest **Jayson Joseph** of *Elephants With Guns*.



All events take place online on Wednesdays and admission is free. Times are Pacific Standard Time (PST). To RSVP and for more information:

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