

# *the Poetry on Sunday Series*

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Sunday, May 23, 2021, 2:00 P.M.

## *Featured Readers*



Josiah Luis Alderete



Andru Defeye



Angela Drew

Zoom link:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85841157090>

*Open Mic Time follows. Free and open to the public. Join us in celebrating the written and spoken word!*

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**Josiah Luis Alderete** is a full-blooded Pocho, Spanglish-speaking poeta who has been an active part of la Area Bahia's spoken word scene for over twenty years. He was a founding member of outspoken word group "The Molotov Mouths" and is the curator and host of the long-running monthly Chicane/Latinx reading series "Speaking Axolotl" which happens the 3rd Thursday of every month in el Zoom mundo. Josiah's book of poems, *Baby Axolotls y Old Pochos* is being released this April from Black Freight Press.

Whether sharing stages with legendary beat poets or your favorite Hip Hop emcees, **Andru Defeye**'s unorthodox writing and performance style has made him a fixture behind microphones around the country. 2020 saw the release of his critically acclaimed *Frequency* album, followed shortly after by his crowning as the youngest Poet Laureate in California capitol history. From Sacramento to Staten Island and SXSW, Andru served as the Director of Communications for Sol Collective from 2009-2020. In 2014 Defeye founded Zero Forbidden Goals, a support system for creatives dedicated to innovating arts equity, experiences, and education. ZFG's guerilla art activations including *National Guerilla Poetry Month*, *Chainlink Poetry*, and *The Intersection* have been covered and recreated around the globe.

**Angela Drew** is a mother, dancer, poet, and spoken word performer who has loved the rhythm of words for as long as she can remember. Born in Berkeley, CA, she began writing at age eight and has always understood that words have the power to soothe, stir, or solidify connection. Thus, her lifelong love affair with storytelling began. Angela has performed at various venues throughout Modesto, Sacramento and Bay Areas, including Modesto Junior College, Modesto's inaugural "Ill List Poetry Slam" at the State Theater, the Gallo Center for the Arts, in a Sankofa Community Theater production of *The Journey—The African American Experience*, and the Hildegard Festival of Women in the Arts, Turlock and the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center's poetry event "Words Worth Speaking," to name a few. Angela's spoken word piece, "BWE: The Black Woman Experience" was recently featured at the 2020 NAACP Modesto/Stanislaus Virtual Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony and her poetry was included in COLLISION VI, the February 2020 exhibit at the Mistlin Gallery which featured poet-photographer collaborations.