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LOWER COLUMBIA POETRY COMPETITION OPEN

TO ALL CLATSOP, PACIFIC & TILLAMOOK COUNTY RESIDENTS

May 20, 2021

The Writer's Guild of Astoria, Oregon is seeking poetry entries from residents of Clatsop, Pacific & Tillamook Counties for a contest in connection with Jericho Brown's visit to our community. Deadline for entries is October 1, 2021.

Poets are invited to respond to the theme of "Tradition," inspired by Jericho Brown's *The Tradition* (Copper Canyon Press; 2019), winner of the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

Submit up to three poems as a single .doc, .docx, or .pdf attachment to info@thewritersguild.org. The Writer's Guild Board of Directors will judge the entries in the competition categories of **Middle School, High School, and College/Community**. The following information should appear in the header of each entry: poet's name, competition category, home address, email address, and phone number. Entries without all information will be disqualified.

This Poetry Competition will culminate in the Conversation and Reading with Jericho Brown at Astoria's Liberty Theatre on Friday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. The three winners of the poetry competition will be invited to work with a performance coach and read during the event. First place winners will be awarded \$100 gift cards to Lucy's Books. Winning poems will also be featured on the Writer's Guild website.

The Writer's Guild is a literary nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status, and all gifts are fully tax deductible. Our mission is to create a community of writers and strengthen the Astoria area and surrounding communities through the power of the written word.

The Writer's Guild holds monthly open mics; hosts a series of writing workshops; organizes public readings; hosts writers-in-residence in partnership with Astoria Visual Arts (AVA); and brings authors into local area schools. We also facilitate creative writing clubs with students.

To make a tax deductible donation in support of this event, please email: info@thewritersguild.org or see our website www.thewritersguild.org for more information.

For more information contact:

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