

WAKE UP AMERICA 2021

POETRY FOR THE PEOPLE

Hosted by Kim McMillon
Contributor to the anthology

Some Other Blues: New Perspectives on Amiri Baraka

Raymond Nat Turner

Raymond Nat Turner is a NYC poet privileged to have read at the Harriet Tubman Centennial Symposium. He is Artistic Director of the stalwart JazzPoetry Ensemble *UpSurge!* and currently is Poet-in-Residence at *Black Agenda Report* and a frequent contributor to *Dissident Voice*.

Kim Shuck

Kim Shuck was the 7th poet laureate of San Francisco. Shuck is solo author of 7 books. There seems to be a theme.

Avotcja

Avotcja is a renowned poet, radio host and musician as well as founder of Avotcja & Modúpue, the Bay Area Blues Society's Jazz Group Of The Year in 2005 & 2010. Avotcja has been published in English & Spanish in the USA, Mexico & Europe and is the author of *With Every Step I Take*.

devorah major

San Francisco's third Poet Laureate devorah major is an award-winning poet and fiction writer, creative non-fiction writer, performer, editor, and the author of *Califia's Daughter* published by Aquarius Books/Willow Press in July 2020.

Len Lawson

Len Lawson is the author of *Chime* and the chapbook *Before the Night Wakes You*. He is also co-editor of *Hand in Hand: Poets Respond to Race* and *The Future of Black: Afrofuturism and Black Comics Poetry*. His poetry has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize.

Genny Lim

Genny Lim is the author of five poetry collections; *Winter Place*, *Child of War*, *Paper Gods and Rebels*, *KRA!*, *La Morte Del Tempo*, *Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island*, winner of the American Book Award and the Senior Asian American anthology of memoirs, *Window: Glimpses of Our Storied Past*.

John Curl

John Curl is an American poet, memoirist, translator, author, activist and historian. He is author of seven books of poetry, including *Scorched Birth* (2004), which former San Francisco poet laureate Jack Hirschman called "a book of wonders."

Zigi Lowenberg

Zigi Lowenberg is a poet, performer, creative collaborator, and co-leader of the jazzpoetry ensemble *UpSurge!* Visit youtube.com/zigilow

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