AWP 2024 Event Outline

Event Title:
S219 LIGHTNING READINGS BY WRITER TO WRITER ALUMNI

Event Description:
Celebrating its fourth year at AWP, the event focuses on quick reads performed by published writers from the AWP Writer to Writer Mentorship Program. We invite you to enjoy a mix of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction from these talented writers. Organized and emceed by alum P.D. Keenen. Participant bios can be found at the following link in January 2024: https://pdkeenen.com/2023/05/30/awp24-lightning-readings-by-writer-to-writer-alumni/

Event Category:
Multiple Literary Genres Reading

Event Organizer & Emcee:
P.D. Keenen is a writer, empathy activist, and Washington-based constellation facilitator. They write memoir and poetry. Their work focuses on our shared humanity, points of cognitive dissonance, and advocating for the less visible.

Event Participants (28):
The participants list may have changed see updated version and all bios at this website:
https://pdkeenen.com/2023/05/30/awp24-lightning-readings-by-writer-to-writer-alumni/
Opening Remarks & Housekeeping Announcements

WELCOME REMARKS
Welcome to our 4th annual Writer to Writer alumni reading.
We ask that due to the already high level of auditory stimulation around us that the audience use silent applause or sign language clapping (demonstrate and ask audience to demonstrate) rather than physical clapping or vocal applause as an author takes or leaves the stage.

I invite you to notice the bookfair crowd and activities teeming around us and let it fade away as we begin with our first writer.

READING SECTION
First up will be...

1) Emcee will read author bio introducing the writer.
2) Writer will read for 2 minutes (text of the works will be provided in an on-site ADA format and online the day of the event for e-reader devices).
3) Emcee will thank writer (silent applause welcome now).

Emcee will repeat these steps until we have heard from all 28 writer-to-writer alumni reading participants.

MENTOR/MENTEE PANEL FAQ
We will have a few participants available to answer questions from the audience after the reading section is completed.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Short remarks on how to apply to the next season of Writer-To-Writer as mentor or mentee.

(for the most up-to-date information: https://www.awpwriter.org/community_calendar/mentorship_program_application_information)

Thank you to our emcee & event founder Peace.

Thank you to AWP staff members.

Thank you to community donors that make writer-to-writer possible.

Thank you to our event stage sponsor.

Thank you to our event support volunteer Lara Lillibrige and our audio support volunteer Laura Joyce Davis.

If there is time, we will invite audience and writers to mingle near the stage after the event or at the AWP information booth about the Writer-to-Writer program.