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Join The Seattle Public Library for 'Music and Poetry: Seattle Poet Populist Peshya Joyce Gertler and Friends'

Join The Seattle Public Library for "Music and Poetry: Seattle Poet Populist Peshya Joyce Gertler and Friends" from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Microsoft Auditorium, Level 1.

This program is free and open to the public. Tickets and reservations are not required. Parking in the Central Library garage will be available for a \$5 special event rate. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Gertler, Seattle's Poet Populist for 2005-2006, will read her poetry accompanied by Simone LaDrumma on hand drums and Esther Sugai on flute.

Gertler's one-year term as Seattle's Poet Populist has enabled her to expand her passion for taking poems where they are not ordinarily heard. She has read her work at venues ranging from homeless shelters to the swearing-in ceremony for the mayor and Seattle City Council members. She has taught creative writing workshops at North Seattle Community College, University of Washington Women's Center, and many other venues.

Local poets Judith Roche, J.T. Stewart and Koon Woon also will read from their work. More information on each poet is listed below:

Judith Roche is the author of two collections of poetry, "Myrrh/ My Life As A Screamer" and "Ghosts." She edited an anthology, "First Fish, First People, Salmon Tales of the North Pacific Rim," which won an American Book Award. She has taught poetry classes at the University of Washington and Antioch University and is the former literary arts director for One Reel.

J.T. Stewart is a contributor to "Raven Brings Light to this House of Stories," a collaborative, permanent art and poetry exhibit in the Paul Allen Library at the University of Washington. Stewart's work also includes poetry broadsides in the African Galleries at the Seattle Art Museum.

Koon Woon is the author of the poetry collection "The Truth in Rented Rooms" and editor and publisher of Chrysanthemum magazine and Goldfish Press. He is a graduate student at Antioch University.

This program is presented by The Seattle Public Library, City Council President Nick Licata, and Bumbershoot.

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