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Call for Readers and Hosts for the 1st Iowa City Poetry al Fresco

Iowa City Poetry, a non-profit organization that fosters community through a love of poetry, has announced plans for an evening of open-air progressive readings: Iowa City Poetry al Fresco. The socially distanced event will take place outdoors on Saturday, May 1 (rain date, May 8), at various businesses and private residences in the Northside Neighborhood (the area bounded by Market, Dubuque, Dodge, and Brown streets).

These low-risk in-person readings will take place every half hour from 5:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. Iowa City Poetry Advisory Council member David Duer says, "This event will provide a great opportunity to celebrate the vast wealth of literary voices in Iowa City and eastern Iowa." The 20-minute readings will be miked to ensure social distancing, and all participants and audience members will be asked to be properly masked. For the short readings, private residence owners could provide a front porch, back patio, or area facing a back alley as a stage, anywhere that allows enough room for an audience.

Iowa City Poetry is now seeking both readers and hosts for these readings. If you are interested in sharing some of your creative writing (poetry or short prose), we encourage you to go to iowacitypoetry.com to fill out a short application form. If you are interested in supporting the event by hosting a reading, please contact Lisa Roberts at iowacitypoetry@gmail.com or David Duer at dduer72@gmail.com.

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