Happy Pride!

Saturday | June 15, 2024 | 1pm

Queer Joy Writing Meetup

Poets House
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Agenda:

1pm - check in  
1:15pm - meet Poets House staff  
1:20pm - first writing exercise  
1:45pm - share in small groups  
1:55pm - second writing exercise  
2:20pm - share in small groups  
2:30pm - optional reading  
2:45pm - break  
3:30pm - closing activity
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Dear—

by Donika Kelly

What is the metaphor for two animals sharing the same space?

Marriage?

We share a practice, you and I, a series of postures.

Here is how I become a tree
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and you
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a body in space.
Visualize a space or place and write about how your queer identity inhabits that space.

How would it inhabit a library? A kitchen? A park? Or would it?
Write an poem about someone or something who has helped you through a challenge with your queerness.
Recall a time when you felt proud. What feelings and words came up?
Create a poem using only the latter 12-16 words.

Choose one of these moments to describe in a poem. Use only one sense (sight, taste, smell, touch, sound) to describe it.
Think of 4 words that come to mind when you think of the word “queer.”

Put them in alphabetical order below:

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Below each word, write 3-4 more words you associate with the one above.

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