

BEAT NOT BEAT

Anthology Book Tour 2023



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CALIFORNIA ANTHOLOGY TOUR COMING TO BEYOND BAROQUE LITERARY ARTS CENTER

Beat Not Beat anthology tour continues in Venice May 20, 2023

The Beat Not Beat Anthology Book Tour presents the next generation of California poets screwing on the beat tradition. Inclusive and diverse, the not beats of this anthology are contemporary California voices loud and proud, continuing the poetic conversation of rebellion, and responding to the tradition Beat paved, in their own styles and rhythms.

To date, the tour has included performances by current and past Poet Laureates: Lynne Thompson, Luis J. Rodriguez, Kim Shuck, Tongo Eisen-Martin, along with formidable voices such as Matt Sedillo, Luivette Resto and Cassandra Dallett.

Lead editor and CA Beat Poet Laureate Rich Ferguson, who coined the phrase beatnotbeat, responds to what it means: "It's not another history focused solely on the Beat tradition. There are some incredible names and poems from that era in this anthology, including Bob Kauffman, Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Diane Di Prima. There are also artists on the fringe of Beat, including Jim Morrison and Wanda Coleman. But the heart of the anthology contains contemporary poets of today and they are on fire. Living, breathing, combustible and beautiful beatnotbeat voices, with so much to say about the times we're in right now."

Come hear for yourself on May 20th at Beyond Baroque. Some of the poets featured in the anthology, published by Moon Tide Press, include Brendan Constantine, Laurel Ann Bogen, Michael C. Ford, Conney Williams, Kim Dower and special musical guests Petty Chavez. Books will be for sale and artists will sign after the show.

Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center
Saturday, May 20, 2023, 2 - 6 p.m.
Hosted by Alexis Rhone Fancher, Rich Ferguson and S.A. Griffin