

You are cordially invited to attend a celebration with **Poetic Travelers**, a poetry series established by poet/author, Tonja Dudley Bagwell (*Sunrise of Revelations and Grace in a Garland*, Jafansta, Inc.). Bring your friends and family to enjoy a featured poet(s) and/or performer plus Open Mic. We meet every **3rd Friday** at **Lawrence Street Gallery**. <http://lawrencestreetgallery.com>

Your host will be John Smolinski, poet/author of *We Fight to Remember* (Jafansta, Inc., 2010)

Friday, August 20th, 6:30pm – 8:45pm

Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Avenue, Suite A, Ferndale, MI 48220

Poetic Travelers is honored to present two inspiring poets.

Laura Bodary has been writing poetry since the age of 19. Her family, nature, mass transit, strangers, friends and animals help her to write most of what she puts down. Some of it comes to her in dreams, and some comes in what feels like live audio streaming in her head. Her first chapbook entitled "Flock, Feed, Fly" is self-published and will soon be available (along with little poetry capsules) on etsy.com. Laura has been reading her poems at AJ's open mic for several years now. She is indebted to the gang there who have encouraged and inspired her.



From April 2005 to the present, Laura has performed poems and a capella songs (some original) at area open mics. The focus has been at AJ's on Wednesday nights. She ventured out to Gusoline Alley, Caribou Coffee, Bean and Leaf Café, The Goldfish Tea Room, The Detroit Artists Village, and Maxwell's Art and Treasures. On December 19, 2009, she performed as a guest poet/singer in Cat Listening's book release event for his work "Blake Singing" at The Goldfish Tea Room. She read from "Flock, Feed, Fly" as well as new works and led the audience in "God Rest You merry Gentlemen" accompanied by Alison Donahue on the cello. On December 7, 2009, Laura was invited to read from "Flock, Feed, Fly" and share her experience as a poet with Beginning Poetry students of Dr. Claire Crabtree-Sinnett at University of Detroit, Mercy. In November 2009, she was the opening act for The Weathervane Cocks (alternative country band) and Pandora's Box ("cave folk") at the Cadieux Café. On October 25, 2009, she was selected as a featured author for Leon and Lulu's (Clawson) Books and Authors event. She sold three custom copies (in hand painted, repurposed tea tins) of "Flock, Feed, Fly" as well as 20 poetry capsules (3-5 poems + prizes) small, circular boxes entitled "mama bird", "papa bird" and "baby bird".

Laura is a 38-year-old resident of Royal Oak who was raised in Birmingham. She is an avid (with a tendency to things native and wild) gardener. She works two jobs; one assisting psychologists in an addiction focused clinic and the other as a buyer in a retail setting. She is married to Matthew McNitt and their children include: Iris, 16; Virginia, 13; Liam, 12; and Malcolm, 8.



Destiny Dorozan's poetry has appeared in various print and online journals, including Rouge Poetry Review and the Credenza. She has been known to roam the open mic circuit in Michigan, North Carolina, and Hawaii. Her two self-published chapbooks are called *Emergence* and *Beautiful Disarray*, and she is currently working on a third, *Juxtaposition*. In addition to writing poetry, she is also a mother, substitute for special education center-based programs, and a student of clinical psychology at the University of Detroit Mercy.

NOTE: Poetic Travelers will meet again on Friday, September 17, 2010.

For more info and photos of previous events, please visit <http://jafansta.com/PoeticTravelers.aspx> and <http://jafansta.com/poetryeventphotos.aspx>

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