

CHRISTY NAMEE ERIKSEN

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Christy NaMee Eriksen is an award-winning artist, activist, educator, and writer whose work is grounded in social justice and community engagement. She has shared stages with Patricia Smith, Beau Sia, Bao Phi, and her/her work has appeared in such places as The Loft Literary Center's Equilibrium series in Minneapolis, The Roundhouse in London, Angry Asian Man, and Race Talk. She has been honored to receive the 2013 Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year, two Rasmuson Foundation Individual Artist Awards, and the Loft Immersion Fellowship. Christy co-founded Woosh Kinaadeiyí (a nonprofit arts organization committed to "diversity, inclusive community, and empowering voice") and leads spoken word workshops for youth and adults.

I am proud to use my art in service to a vision that empowers others to create and share together.

HONORS

- 2016 Rasmuson Foundation Individual Artist Award Recipient
- 2014 Tidal Echoes Featured Writer
- 2014 Equilibrium Spoken Word Immersion Fellow
- 2013 Rasmuson Foundation Individual Artist Award Recipient
- 2013 Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year
- 2011 Juneau Arts & Humanities Council Individual Artist Grant Recipient
- 2009 "¿Nation of Immigrants?" Minnesota Spoken Word Album of the Year Award
- 2009 Nominated for 2009 Minnesota Spoken Word Artist of the Year (Female)

SELECT PERFORMANCES

- 2016 Featured performer at the Woosh Kinaadeiyí Summer Showcase
- 2016 Featured performer with Woosh Kinaadeiyí @ 360 North
- 2015 Featured performer at the Alaska Governor's Awards for the Arts & Humanities
- 2015 Headline Performance with Dee Jay DeRego and Bob Holman (Juneau, AK)
- 2015 Headline Performance with Beau Sia, Equilibrium Series (Minneapolis, MN)
- 2015 Headline Performance for ASK-LA (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2015 Headline Performance with Hollis @ Love City Love (Seattle, WA)
- 2014 Headline Performance and Album Launch Party (Juneau, AK)
- 2014 Headline Performance with Palabristas (Metro State University, Minneapolis, MN)
- 2011 "Family Showcase," Asian Pacific/Islander American Spoken Word & Poetry Summit, Equilibrium at The Loft Literary Center (Minneapolis, MN)
- 2011 "Tongue Fu Tales," The Roundhouse (London, United Kingdom)
- 2010 Headline Performance: Transnational/Transracial Adoptee Poetry Showcase, Equilibrium at The Loft Literary Center (Minneapolis, MN)
- 2009 Headline Performance: "Asian Heritage Month. Hamline University (St. Paul, MN)
- 2008 "Writers of Color Reading Series," Patrick's Cabaret (Minneapolis, MN)
- 2008 "Ishle Park and Mayda del Valle," opening performance, Equilibrium at The Loft Literary Center (Minneapolis, MN)
- 2007 "Non-English Speaking Spoken Here: The Late Nite Series," collaboration with Sun Mee Chomet. Pilsbury House Theatre (Minneapolis, MN)

RECORDINGS

- 2014 "How To Tell if a Korean Woman Loves You," full-length solo album
2009 "What Would Harry Holt Do?" ¿Nation of Immigrants? CD, produced by The Loft Literary Center

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Anthology

- 2016 "Revolutionary Mothering: Love on the Front Lines"
2011 "Peace," Blink Again

Journal

- 2012 "PICK UP LINES FOR POETS," Tidal Echoes
2010 "Bedtime Story," and "This City" Alaska Women Speak
2010 "How a Mother Remembers" and "The Girl" Tidal Echoes
2009 "Sexy," and "It's a Small World Parade Float" Tidal Echoes
2007 "Play Dead (it isn't safe)," The Fulcrum
2005 "Loving Memory," The Fulcrum

Miscellaneous

- 2012 "What Does an Illegal Immigrant Look Like," Latino Rebels. Online
2012 "HOW TO TELL IF A KOREAN WOMAN LOVES YOU," Angry Asian Man. Online
2010 "What Does an Illegal Immigrant Look Like," Race-Talk.org | A Kirwan Institute [for the Study of Race and Ethnicity] Project. Online

SELECT RESIDENCIES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2016 Woosh Kinaadeiyí Writer's Retreat
2016 Spoken Word AIS Residency at Juneau Community Charter School
2016 Spoken Word AIS Residency at Thunder Mountain High School
2016 Spoken Word Workshop for Korean Adoptee teens in AAAP AMP program (Seattle)
2015 Spoken Word Workshop for Adoptee Solidarity Korea - Los Angeles
2015 Spoken Word Workshop for Adult Asian Adoptees of Washington
2015 Spoken Word Residency at White Mountain K-12 School
2015 Spoken Word Artist in the Schools Residency at Gastineau Elementary (grades 3-5)
2013 Spoken Word at Zach Gordon Youth Center
2013 Guest Teacher for University of Alaska Southeast's Advanced Creative Writing course
2013 Spoken Word at Floyd Dryden Middle School
2013 Spoken Word at Juneau Fine Arts Camp
2012 Spoken word guest artist at Harborview Elementary, 6-sessions
2012 "Power of Words: Spoken Word and Performance Poetry," CARES, JSD
2012 Spoken Word 7-week residency with the Early Scholars Program, JDHS
2011 "Spoken Word Poetry," six-week community class, The Canvas
2011 "Spoken Word: From poetry slams to the classroom," workshop presentations, Alaska State Literacy Association Conference (Juneau, AK)
2010 "Language and the Arts," CARES 4-week intensive course, JSD
2010 "Spoken Word Workshop for Transracial Adoptees," The Loft Literary Center