

**For Immediate Release:
Live Arts Theater Launches POETRY LIVE!**



Photo courtesy of James Cole

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Charlottesville, VA - Live Arts is thrilled to announce a new poetry showcase **POETRY LIVE!** hosted by local poet James Cole. The first installment of **POETRY LIVE!** will take place at 7pm on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at Live Arts Theater, 123 E. Water Street, in Charlottesville. Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can with a suggested ticket price of \$5, and are available through the Box Office at

434-977-4177 or online at livearts.org/tix. Audiences are welcome to enjoy the bar and concessions for one hour prior to the show.

About the Show

Poetry is back in Charlottesville! Join **POETRY LIVE!** for its debut show:

Beginnings and Returns, featuring eight up-and-coming writers from Virginia and beyond: Sara Robinson, Patricia Asuncion, Myron Ballard, Brian James, Bill Prindle, Marti Snell, La'Tasha Strother, and James Cole. In this inaugural performance, local poets will explore questions of genesis, renewal, and the challenges of recovery. Perfect for lovers of verse and newcomers alike, **POETRY LIVE!** is sure to provoke, intrigue, and entertain.

About The Host

James Cole is a poet, author, and scientist from Roanoke, Virginia. He graduated from The College of William and Mary where he studied neuroscience, creative writing, and medieval history. He is a graduate student studying sensory neuroscience at The University of Virginia Medical School, and his work has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies including *Oddball Magazine*, *Rudderless Mariner*, and *Angel Rust Magazine*. James is the founder of the Charlottesville Poetry Critique Circle, a community organizer for the Live Poets Society, and a teacher of literary theory and composition at WriterHouse. His first poetry book, *Crow, come home*, was released by VerbalEzye Press in December of 2019.

About Live Arts

Live Arts is a nonprofit community theater in Downtown Charlottesville, powered by more than 1,200 volunteers. Founded in 1990, Live Arts is celebrating 31 years of forging theater and community. Live Arts is supported in part by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, which receives support from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The 2021/22 Season is also

supported by the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band at the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, Albemarle County, and by philanthropic gifts from hundreds of theater lovers in our community.

For more information

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CALENDAR Information for *POETRY LIVE!*:

WHO: LIVE ARTS presents

WHAT: POETRY LIVE!

POETS: Sara Robinson, Patricia Asuncion, Myron Ballard, Brian James, Bill Prindle, Marti Snell, La'Tasha Strother, and James Cole.

DATES: Sunday, February 13 at 7pm

WHERE: Conover Studio on the Fourth Floor of Live Arts Theater, 123 East Water Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902

TICKETS: Pay-What-You-Can (suggested ticket price \$5) online or at the door

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SAFETY: Live Arts prioritizes the health and safety of our volunteers, patrons, and staff by requiring indoor masks and vaccinations for all. Please visit livearts.org for guidelines and current COVID policies.