



Poetry and Music in the Park

April 28, Mesa Village County Park, 1:30-3:30 PM

Poets read from 2-3PM

Music before and after readings

Bring a picnic to enjoy!



Chopsy Gutowski is a poet, an improv artist, and an early childhood specialist. She is currently completing her MFA in Creative Writing at Pacific University. She lives in Santa Cruz with her wife and cat in the midst of redwoods and seasonal visits from Swainson's Thrushes. She believes that poems have a life of their own and the potential to honor and change the course of our lives as we imagine what is possible for our future.

Rachel Huerta, current Watsonville Youth Poet Laureate, is a 17-year-old writer from Watsonville. She works in poetry (free verse), songs, and novels. In her free time, she's an avid reader and musician, and she works as a barista at The Abbey Coffee Lounge.



Rachel Huerta, current Watsonville Youth Poet



Sara Santistevan grew up around vivid storytellers in California. She received the 2021 Kresge College Reyna Grande Scholarship for poetry, a poetry fellowship with the Writer's Grotto Rooted and Written program, and has work published or forthcoming in F(r)iction, Metamorphose Literary, and elsewhere. Her debut chapbook, *The Root From Which Freedom Blossoms*, explores familial, cultural, and historical inheritances. Sara loves unique lattes, quirky earrings, and anything cute—especially cats! Learn more about Sara at sarasantistevan.com

Stay at the park after the music and poetry for some recreational fun, provided by County Parks Recreation Staff. The Mobile Recreation program will be at Mesa Village Park from 3:30-5:00 pm to provide a free activity and a snack in the park!