

## Poetry and Music in the Park

July 9, Mesa Village County Park, 1:30-3:30 PM

Poets read from 2-3PM  
Music before and after readings  
Bring a picnic to enjoy!



**Adela Najarro** is a poet with a social consciousness who teaches at Cabrillo College. Every spring semester, she teaches a "Poetry for the People," workshop where students explore personal voice and social justice. Her extended family left Nicaragua and arrived in San Francisco during the 1940s; after the fall of the Somoza regime, the last of the family settled in the Los Angeles area. She is the author of four poetry collections.

**Joseph Jason Santiago LaCour** is a Poet, Artist and Emcee from the Midwest now living in Santa Cruz. A Filipino and French Creole fiasco, he has struggled as a young parent and worked countless jobs. Today, his daughters are grown, he has true love in his life and he wants to share his art, his heart, with you. In partnership with Rica Smith De La Luz, as Sacred Poets, he dramatically inspires a creative message of peace and empowerment. As a coordinator and co-host of local events including Mic Drop!, a monthly open mic at 418 Project, he consciously works to contribute to a strong community of Artists and Supporters locally and globally. Currently, he has grant projects, collaborations and scheduled performances in progress in Santa Cruz County and the Bay Area.



**Olga Rosales Salinas** is an editor and freelance writer who produces poetry, short stories, and essays. As the Managing Editor for San Francisco Bay Area Moms, she hosts a podcast called Hella MomVersations. Her bylines have appeared in palabra with the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ), Voices of Monterey Bay (VOMB), Jumble & Flow, and others. Her debut collection of poetry and prose, *La Llorona*, was published by Birch Bench Press in 2021. In 2019 her philanthropy and activism began with a non-profit benefiting first-generation and immigrant students, The Rosales Sisters' Scholarship.