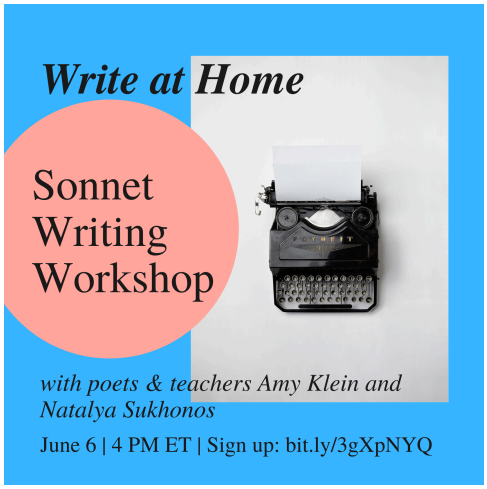
Write at Home: Sonnet Writing Workshop



Sonnets are short poems of self-discovery. Through writing sonnets, we deepen our powers of observation and our ability to understand our own lives. By writing one of these 14-line poems, we can ask questions that may be on our minds during this pandemic: questions about time, nature, identity, love, and the passage of time.

To join this sonnet workshop, write a 14-line sonnet—we'll share instructions with you to help you write it before the class. During our class, you'll receive feedback on your sonnet to enhance your poetic powers. Experienced poets and teachers will guide you to help you refine your work.

You'll also share your feedback with fellow students on the sonnets they've written so that we can learn from one another's unique strengths. And we'll explore modern sonnets, reading those by the literary masters of the 20th century, to learn how we can use sonnets to speak about truths both personal and political.

No previous experience is necessary to join this sonnet workshop. All you need is an open mind and an interest in poetry. We encourage beginners to join, and we'll share a video lecture to help you understand sonnets before you get started writing.

How do I sign up?
Register here to join. Please register by May 18th, and send your sonnet to Amy and Natalya by May 28th.
(E-mail addresses for Amy and Natalya will be provided to you after registration.)

When is the class?
June 6th from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. ET.

Where is the class?
On Zoom.

How much does it cost?
$40 to $50 sliding scale. Please pay before the class. You can send the money through Venmo to @WriteAtHomeWithSonnets or through Zelle to amyrebeccaklein@gmail.com.

Who are our teachers?
Amy Klein has a BA, *summa cum laude*, in English from Harvard and an MFA in Writing from Columbia. As a writing coach, she helps students express themselves with clarity and confidence. In addition to publishing her poetry, she has released several albums of original songs.

Natalya Sukhonos has a PhD in Comparative Literature from Harvard University. She's taught at Harvard, Stanford, UC Davis, and the Stanford Continuing Studies Program. Natalya is also a published poet, with two books out. She lives in Brooklyn with her family.