

Poets in Conversation: A Zoom Poetry Series Hosted by Phyllis Klein. Join us for an hour and a half of poetry and conversation as we connect and support each other through poetry, reaching a wide-ranging audience.

Twenty-Fourth Installment: Saturday, March 25th, 2023, at 4PM Pacific Time with Ruba Ahmed and Carolyn Wright. To **RSVP** and get the Zoom link, contact Ruba, Carolyn, or Phyllis, at poetry@phyllispoetry.com



Dilruba Ahmed is the author of *Bring Now the Angels* (Pitt Poetry Series, 2020), with poems featured in *New York Times Magazine*, *The Slowdown*, and *Poetry Unbound* with Pádraig Ó Tuama. Her debut book of poetry, *Dhaka Dust* (Graywolf Press), won the Bakeless Prize. Her poems have appeared in numerous journals and are widely anthologized. Ahmed is the recipient of The Florida Review's Editors' Award, a Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Memorial Prize, and the Katharine Bakeless Nason Fellowship in Poetry awarded by the Bread Loaf Writers Conference. She teaches poetry nationally, and in January 2021, joined the faculty at Warren Wilson College's MFA Program for Writers. Ruba loves eating gluten-free desserts, shoveling mulch, walking among trees, and drinking coffee (but not necessarily at the same time).



Carolyn Wright's latest books are *Masquerade*, a memoir in poetry (Lost Horse Press, 2021) and *This Dream the World: New & Selected Poems* (Lost Horse, 2017), whose title poem received a Pushcart Prize and appeared in *The Best American Poetry 2009*. A Seattle native who has lived and taught all over the country, and on fellowships in Chile, Brazil, India and Bangladesh, she has 16 earlier books and anthologies of poetry, essays, and translation from Spanish and Bengali. A Contributing Editor for the Pushcart Prizes, Carolyn has received NEA and 4Culture grants, and a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to Salvador, Bahia, Brazil for 2022-2023. She has recently received Bangladesh's highest literary award for service to Bengali language and literature. Carolyn loves coffee, Afro-Brazilian dance, conversation and reading in

several languages, and planting native vegetation in the garden spaces of the Seattle condo complex where she lives with her husband.

Next Installment: Welcome Mirna Hirshl and Mary Dederer, April 29, 2023 at 4PM Pacific Time. Save the date!