

From: Chun Yu

Dear Friends,

You have been in my heart and mind in this challenging time. I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well while our world faces astonishing and often difficult changes almost daily. I hope in poetry and art, and also in science (even though I am currently not working in science, not a moment I have forgotten how much we all need it, especially now), we can find comfort and solidarity with each other. My deep gratitude to you all for your support over the years for me to continue to follow my path!

Starting this Tuesday (July 21), I have a number of exciting poetry events upcoming, including with Vancouver Public Library, Poets & Writers, and the Asian Art Museum, Mechanics' Institutes and many other amazing culture organization and institutes. The events are all virtual--you can join from anywhere in the world! They are also all free public events (Asian Art Museum offers \$0-25 sliding scales). Please visit my website for more details: chunyu.org/events/ If you are interested, please sign up for future events and updates. I also prepared a list with event info, links, and attached a few flyers below. I hope you can find time to join me for one of the many events!

Attached here is also my bilingual poem The Map 地图 recently presented by [Poem of the Day of San Francisco Public Library](#) (6/18/2020 archive) and here is [a link with my recordings in Chinese and English](#). Like many of you, due to the current situation, I can't visit my beloved parents who are in China. May love be our map in this difficult time. May we all be united with our loved ones soon...

For the past three years, I have also devoted much of my time working on [Two Languages/One Community](#), a project bringing Chinese American and African American communities together in poetry and storytelling, in collaboration with poet [Michael Warr](#). We are working with great cultural organizations such as the Chinese Cultural Center, San Francisco, Oakland Asian Cultural Center, Asian Art Museum, and the district attorney's office of San Francisco etc. Please check out the project on my website: chunyu.org/projects-collaborations/ and also our TLOC's official site soon to be fully launched:

twolanguagesonecommunity.com Contact me if you are interested in bringing the project to more communities.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BELMONT VIRTUAL POETRY READING

Free virtual public event with open mic

July 21, 2020, Tuesday

7:00 PM PDT

To join open mic: please email Belmont Poet Laureate

Jacki Rigoni jacki@womanuprising.com

For more info: see attached flyer

and <https://www.facebook.com/events/290365438846069/>

Zoom event link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85705667790>

POETS & WRITERS' ANNUAL CONNECTING CULTURES READING

Free virtual public event

Thursday, July 23, 2020

4:30 p.m. PDT/7:30 p.m. EDT

I will be representing the Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco with collaborator poet Michael Warr of Two Languages/One Community project connecting Chinese American and African American communities with poetry and storytelling.

For more info from P&W:

https://www.pw.org/literary_events/poets_writers_virtual_connecting_cultures_reading

Online event stream link: <https://www.facebook.com/poetsandwriters/live/>

IN POETRY WE MEET: POETRY READING AT VPL - 在詩中相遇

with Chun Yu and Anna Yin

Vancouver Public Library

Free public event conducted in Mandarin

Friday, July 24, 2020

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm PDT

Online event

registration: <https://vpl.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=In%20poetry%20/event/5ef649a09cdc143a0004104c>

POETICS OF SOLIDARITY

ASIAN ART MUSEUM

August 6, 2020

7:00 PM - 8:30 pm PDT

[FOR MORE INFO AND TICKETS \(\\$0-25 FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE\)](#)

“RECOVERY A.C.T.” POETRY READING

August 8, 2020

2:00-4:00 PM PDT

tearoots.org online event

QUIET LIGHTENING/BOOKSMITH READING

August 26, 2020

7:00 pm PDT

[MORE DETAILS TO COME FROM QUIET LIGHTENING](#)

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE:

TWO LANGUAGES/ONE COMMUNITY

September 3, 2020

6 PM PST

Mechanics' Institute online event

[MORE EVENT DETAILS TO COME FROM MECHANICS' INSTITUTE](#)

Take good care! Hope we can see each other in the events!

With deep gratitude and warm thoughts always,

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<http://www.chunyu.org>