

Multi-Award-Winning Poet and Writer Sina Queyras Invites Writers to Sail into the Swells of Memoir Writing

Moncton, February 8, 2023 - Lambda Literary Award-winning writer and poet Sina Queyras will hold a writing workshop at Moncton's Community Peace Centre on February 18, 2023. *Writing in the Folds: Hybrid Memoirs in Poetry or Prose* will encourage participants to dive into their personal experiences to discover their unique writing voice.

Sina Queyras's latest work, *Rooms: Women, Writing, Woolf* (Coach House Books, 2022) was shortlisted for the Quebec Writers' Federation's Mavis Gallant Prize for Non-Fiction and appeared on *The Globe 100: The best books of 2022*. The book is a mix of memoir, poetry and extended essay. In it, Sina Queyras writes about their experiences as a queer writer, private versus public spheres and the influence of Virginia Woolf on their life and career.

Speaking about the arduous journey of writing such an intimate book on the *One Love, Literary* podcast earlier this year, Sina Queyras said, "You have to be aware and honour your own self and that's such hard work. If you can do that, if that's all you even do, that's an enormous amount of work... Being honest about a life is difficult."

The three-hour workshop will teach participants to form their own relationships with the rules of writing and "discover tactics for weathering". Looking both inward and out, writers will learn to blend personal narratives with commentary and criticism. "In the sea of language sometimes all one needs to do is steer into the swell," writes Sina Queyras in the workshop description. The event is organized by the Frye Festival, in partnership with the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick, and the Multicultural Association of the Greater Moncton Area (MAGMA).

Sina Queyras is based in Tiohtià:ke (Montréal) and is a senior lecturer in the Department of English at Concordia University. They're the author of several poetry collections, including *MxT* (2014) and *My Ariel* (2017), all from Coach House Books. Their novel *Autobiography of Childhood* (2011) was a finalist for the 36th annual Amazon.ca First Novel Award.

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The workshop is offered by the Frye Festival, in collaboration with the Writers Federation of New Brunswick. To register for the event or for more information, visit the Frye Festival's website at www.frye.ca.

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The Frye Festival is the largest literary event in Atlantic Canada and a bilingual celebration of books, ideas, and the imagination. Amounting to ten days of festivities, the festival takes place at the end of April and unfolds in the Greater Moncton region, in neighbouring communities, and, in the case of school visits, all over the province. A yearly programming of workshops and masterclasses is offered each year outside of the festival's official programming.

Event: Writing in the Folds: Hybrid Memoirs in Poetry or Prose
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