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## Poet Josh Rathkamp to host workshop, reading at Art Intersection

By **Matthew Reveles** - March 29, 2016



GILBERT, Arizona – As part of a series celebrating National Poetry Month, poet Josh Rathkamp will host a community writing workshop at the [Art Intersection Gallery](#) in downtown Gilbert, AZ on Thursday, April 7. During the workshop, participants will learn how to “overcome writers block and use art and rituals as

a form of creative inspiration.”

Following the workshop, Rathkamp will perform a reading of selected poems from his works, including selections from his upcoming book, *A Storm to Close the Door*.

The event, which is presented by [Arizona Humanities](#), is one of many free programs and workshops that are scheduled to take place across Arizona in areas including Gilbert, the San Carlos Apache Reservation, Downtown Phoenix and Flagstaff.

National Poetry Month, which, in 1996, was established by the [Academy of American Poets](#), is one of the largest literary celebrations worldwide. The purpose of National Poetry Month is to encourage individuals to read and write poetry.

Josh Rathkamp is a 36-year-old poet, originally from Saginaw, Michigan. He holds a MFA in Poetry from Arizona State University, as well as a MFA in Poetry Translation from Drew University. In 2007, Rathkamp released his first book of poetry, titled *Some Nights No Cars At All* (Ausable Press). Recently, his upcoming second book, *A Storm to Close the Door*, received the Georgetown Review Poetry Prize.

Additionally, Rathkamp has been named a Virginia G. Piper Writing Fellow, and is a past recipient of an Arizona Artist Grant. His works have won several awards including a [Sow's Ear Poetry Prize](#). His work has appeared in a number of literary journals, including [The Drunken Boat](#), [Indiana Review](#), [Gulf Coast](#), [Meridian](#), [Passages North](#), [Puerto Del Sol](#), [Sycamore Review](#) and [Verse Daily](#). Currently, Josh serves as director of the Creative Writing Program at [Mesa Community College](#).

The Art Intersection Gallery is located at 207 N Gilbert Rd # 201. This event is free to the public. For more information on National Poetry Month events hosted by Arizona Humanities, visit their [website](#).

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