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Weinstein Author Series Celebrates Poetry Month in April

By Broad Potomac's Shore, an anthology from Kim Roberts, highlights works by a diverse group of poets

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March 31, 2021 (Richmond, Virginia) – The Library of Virginia's **2021 Carole Weinstein Author Series** (www.lva.virginia.gov/public/weinstein) celebrates April as Poetry Month with a free virtual talk by poet, literary historian, and editor Kim Roberts on April 15 at 6:00 PM. Her book *By Broad Potomac's Shore: Great Poems from the Early Days of Our Nation's Capital* uncovers great but hidden literature from lesser-known poets, including women, writers of color, LGBTQ+ writers, working-class writers, and those who were born enslaved.

The Carole Weinstein Author Series supports the literary arts by bringing both new and well-known authors to the Library of Virginia. **Free and open to the public**, the series focuses on Virginia authors and Virginia subjects across all genres.

For more information about registering for events, contact Dawn Greggs at 804.692.3813 or dawn.greggs@lva.virginia.gov.

Thursday, April 15, 2021 | 6:00–7:30 PM | Virtual Event

Kim Roberts

By Broad Potomac's Shore: Great Poems from the Early Days of Our Nation's Capital

Kim Roberts is the editor of the anthology *By Broad Potomac's Shore: Great Poems from the Early Days of Our Nation's Capital* (University of Virginia Press, 2020), and the author of *A Literary Guide to Washington, DC: Walking in the Footsteps of American Writers from Francis Scott Key to Zora Neale Hurston* (University of Virginia Press, 2018), and five books of poems, most recently *The Scientific Method* (WordTech Editions, 2017). Roberts has been the recipient of grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, HumanitiesDC, and the DC Commission on the Arts, and has been a writer-in-residence at 18 artist colonies. Her poems have been featured in the Wick Poetry Center's Traveling Stanzas Project, on the Academy of

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American Poets' Poem-a-Day Project, and on podcasts sponsored by the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Arts. Her website: <http://www.kimroberts.org>

About By Broad Potomac's Shore: Great Poems from the Early Days of Our Nation's Capital

This comprehensive anthology features poems by both well-known and overlooked poets working and living in the capital from the city's founding in 1800 to 1930. Roberts expertly presents the work of 132 poets, including poems by celebrated DC writers such as Francis Scott Key, Walt Whitman, Frederick Douglass, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Ambrose Bierce, Henry Adams, and James Weldon Johnson, as well as the work of lesser-known poets—especially women, writers of color, and working-class writers. A significant number of the poems are by writers who were born enslaved, such as Fanny Jackson Coppin, T. Thomas Fortune, and John Sella Martin.

2021 SCHEDULE | To Register: www.lva.virginia.gov/public/weinstein

April 15, 2021 (Virtual) – KIM ROBERTS

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June 10, 2021 (In Person/Virtual as pandemic restrictions allow) – VANESSA M. HOLDEN

Surviving Southampton: African American Women and Resistance in Nat Turner's Community

September 14, 2021 (In Person/Virtual as pandemic restrictions allow) – KAREN L. COX

No Common Ground: Confederate Monuments and the Ongoing Fight for Racial Justice

November 17, 2021 (In Person/Virtual as pandemic restrictions allow) – ALEXIS COE

You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington

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About the Library of Virginia

The Library of Virginia is one of the oldest agencies of Virginia government, founded in 1823 to preserve and provide access to the state's incomparable printed and manuscript holdings. Its collection, which has grown steadily through the years, is the most comprehensive resource in the world for the study of Virginia history, culture, and government with over 129 million items in the collections. The Library also engages the public through in-person and virtual events, education programs, and online resources that reach nearly 4 million individuals each year throughout the commonwealth and beyond.

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