



Poetry and Music in the Park

May 19, Brommer County Park, 1:30-3:30 PM

Poets read from 2-3PM

Music by the **Santa Cruz Brass Quintet** before & after readings

Bring a picnic to enjoy!



Ken Weisner's most recent book of poems, *Songs for the Great Horned*, is just out from Shanti Arts Press (2024). He has published three books with Hummingbird Press, including *Anything on Earth* (2010). Ken edits *Red Wheelbarrow* through De Anza College. He is a project director for Right to Write Press, which advocates for incarcerated writers. He coordinates, with Poetry Center San José, the annual *Red Wheelbarrow Poetry Prize*. Ken donates half of book sale proceeds to IRC, the International Rescue Committee, which does good work in Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, Afghanistan, and elsewhere.

Jen Siraganian is an Armenian-American writer, educator, and the former Poet Laureate of Los Gatos, California. A graduate of Brown University and University of Arkansas, she has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize, awarded a Lucas Arts Fellowship, and profiled in *San Francisco Chronicle* and *The Mercury News*. Her poetry has appeared or is forthcoming in *Best New Poets*, *AGNI*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Southwest Review*, *Mid-American Review*, *Smartish Pace*, and other journals and anthologies. She has served as Managing Director for *Litquake: San Francisco's Literary Festival* and taught literature and creative writing in schools and community settings for twenty years. jensiraganian.com



Nancy Miller Gomez's first full-length collection is forthcoming from YesYes Books in 2024. She is the author of the chapbook, *Punishment* (Rattle chapbook series), a collection of poems and essays about her experience teaching in prisons and jails. Her work has appeared or is forthcoming in *Best American Poetry*, *Best New Poets*, *Prairie Schooner*, *The Adroit Journal*, *TriQuarterly*, *New Ohio Review*, *Shenandoah*, *River Styx*, *Waxwing*, *Plume*, *The Rumpus*, *Rattle*, *Massachusetts Review*, *American Life in Poetry*, *Verse Daily*, and elsewhere. She received a special mention in the 2023 *Pushcart Prize Anthology*. She co-founded with Ellen Bass an organization that provides writing workshops to incarcerated women and men and has taught poetry in *Salinas Valley State Prison*, the *Santa Cruz County Jails*, and *Juvenile Hall*. She lives with her family in Santa Cruz, California. nancymillergomez.com.

Stay at the park after the music and poetry for some recreational fun, provided by County Parks Recreation Staff. The Mobile Recreation program will be at Brommer Park from 3:30-5:00 pm to provide a free activity and a snack in the park!