

Snaps Poetry Workshops

Kelsey May
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Sample Settings

- Classrooms
- After-school programming
- Winter & spring break intensive
- Environmental Clubs
- Gay-Straight Alliances
- Team bonding & leadership events
- Creative writing classes
- Poetry Month

Curriculum covers:

- Language & metaphor
- Identity & personal experience
- Family, culture, & belonging
- Cultivating empathy & gaining new perspectives
- Confidence & self-esteem
- Public speaking & presentation skills

Bio & Publication History

Kelsey May is a writer passionate about social justice, equity, and human, animal, and environmental rights. Her work has appeared in over sixty publications and has also received numerous grants and awards, including two nominations for Pushcart Prizes. She is Editor-in-Chief of Hyype, Coordinator of the Dyer-Ives Poetry Competition for Grand Rapids Public Library, host of WYCE's *Electric Poetry*, and a board member of Write616. Other hobbies of hers include birdwatching, reading, hiking, camping, kayaking, swimming, and attempting to cook.

What others are saying

Kelsey combines craft and instinct to create honed but still raw, vital poems. Her work faces difficult issues such as race, sexuality, the environment, and violence against women. Bridging the (perceived) gap between slam poetry and traditional verse, she is an acrobat of language.

— Matthew Landrum, Poetry Editor, Structo Magazine

Kelsey is a remarkably authentic young woman who is dedicated to community service and social change; she is not afraid to voice her concerns on challenging issues and clearly willing to dedicate her time and energy to actively bring about change. I find her openness and wisdom for her age refreshing. She is comfortable and confident beyond her years.

— Susan J. Sorg, Grand Rapids Community College

I did not anticipate the delight, the uplift, the softening and warming of the evening's atmosphere that Kelsey brought with her. In her very presence amongst us, she was offering those around her something of her spirit — a palpable inspiration that must be what moves her from within to so joyfully and courageously enliven a bunch of folks she's never met!

— Jed Myers, NorthEnd Forum, Seattle, WA



Rates

\$60	one-hour session
\$200	four-hour session or two two-hour sessions
\$250	six hours or three two-hour sessions

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