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Destination Venezuela: Spotlight on Poetry *Presented by the Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center*

On Friday, September 25 from 5-7 pm EST, **An Evening of Venezuelan and American Poetry** will be broadcast live via [Zoom \(https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6330963309\)](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6330963309). Emceed by the venerable Leanne Seaver of [Seaver Creative](#), the evening will begin with a performance of excerpts from [Florentino and the Devil](#), a heritage poem of Venezuela originally written by Alberto Arvelo Torrealba. Performers feature [Timothy Adès](#), award-winning rhyming translator from the UK as the Devil and Claudio Mendoza, Venezuelan Astro-Physicist as Florentino.

Sara Lupita Olivares, will read from [Migratory Sound](#). This collection looks back to generational narratives of Mexican American migration, examining linguistic and geographic boundaries as it journeys north along routes of seasonal fieldwork and factory labor. The collection received the 2020 CantoMundo award and will be released October 2020. Sara earned her PhD from Western Michigan University and currently lives in New Mexico where she works as an Assistant Professor of English at New Mexico Highlands University. Sara will read from a selection of her works.

Readings from winning entries of the [2020 Tournament of Writers Competition](#) poetry category will round out the evening. Authors include Krista Ragotzy, Mark Stucky, Rebecca Penning and Grace Flanagan.

Defeat and Making Peace, two iconic poems by Venezuelan Rafael Cadenas, and translated by Rowena Hill will conclude this evening of poetry.

Destination Venezuela is a multi-event program that focuses on art and culture of Venezuela. The program will run from September 25 to October 18. The VCAC created the Destination Series in 2016 to immerse the local community in another culture through arts, tradition, food and storytelling, increasing global awareness and understanding. For more about Destination Venezuela and the Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center go to VicksburgArts.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

