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AN EVENING OF POETRY, STORIES, AND MUSIC



MELINDA PALACIO
SANTA BARBARA POET LAUREATE

Join us for an evening of poetry readings and a musical performance with the first Chicana Poet Laureate of Santa Barbara, Melinda Palacio. She is the author of the novel *Ocotillo Dreams*, for which she received the Mariposa Award for Best First Book at the 2012 International Latino Book Awards and a 2012 PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles Award for Excellence in Literature. Melinda's latest poetry collection is called *Bird Forgiveness*. Her first full-length poetry collection, *How Fire Is a Story, Waiting*, was a finalist for the Milt Kessler Award, the Paterson Prize, and received First Prize in Poetry at the 2013 International Latino Book Awards. Co-sponsored by the Chicana/o Studies Department, Las Maestras Center.



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