



MEDIA RELEASE

The Poet Laureate's Community Revue

Owen Sound, Ontario – Friday, November 14, 2025 – Join Poet Laureate Rebecca Diem for a two-day multi-arts event. Saturday and Sunday, November 22-23, 2025.

Those who dare to dream are invited to immerse themselves in a world of poetry and collaborative art as Owen Sound Poet Laureate Rebecca Diem presents The Poet Laureate's Community Revue on Saturday, November 22, and Sunday, November 23, 2025.

Hosted at the Harmony Centre Owen Sound (890 4th Avenue East), this free, two-day event serves as Diem's capstone legacy project, designed to bridge creative mediums and celebrate the power of community arts.

The Community Revue will feature poets, musicians, visual artists, dancers, and more artistic community members collaborating on unique and never-before-seen pieces.

Highlights:

- Multi-Arts Exhibition

Saturday November 22 & Sunday November 23 | 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

A weekend-long exhibit in the Harmony Centre Commons featuring visual and experiential poetry created through diverse artistic collaborations.

- Matinee Performance

Sunday November 23 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

A one-time performance in the expansive Harmony Centre Auditorium where Diem will present her poetry collection alongside a series of ephemeral co-creations developed with her community of collaborators.

Diem's mandate for her 2024-2025 term as Owen Sound Poet Laureate is celebrating collaboration, embodied by her live performances inviting the audience to become co-creators — including her most recent appearance at Summerfolk to compose and perform a 50th Anniversary poem alongside more than 1,000 festival attendees.

"The poem is you. I want people to see the poetry in their everyday lives," says Diem. "The initial spark for this legacy project began over a decade ago, when I was invited by Jason Collett to check out his Basement Revue series at Luminato in 2013. I loved it so much, I went back every night for a week — and I've always wanted to bring that home with friends who have inspired my creative work, and to hopefully nurture that spark in future poets and collaborators."

The Poet Laureate's Community Revue is free and emphatically open to all ages, offering an unforgettable opportunity to celebrate the vibrancy of Owen Sound's artistic community. Details and ticket information available:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-poet-laureates-community-revue-registration-1758388480279?aff=NR>

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