

Poetry Coffeehouse

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 · 2 to 4 PM

featuring special guest
Tonita Austin



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Join us in the Pendle Hill Art Studio

Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

for our monthly open-mic poetry reading

featuring special guest Tonita Austin

reading from her collection of poems, *Toni's Room*

Toni's Room is a poetic journey into the most sacred and sensitive parts of me as a black woman, a female activist, writer, lover and mother. Some poems are 20 years old, some were written this year, but all of them provide a look into this black woman's journey from innocence to restoration through ecstasy, heartache, grief, loss, activism and self-love. I felt that there is a need especially during these emotionally charged experiences that artists are the vehicle to healing. I seek to honor myself, my ancestors and open the possibility of healing through art by sharing my poetry in *Toni's Room*.

Tonita Austin also known as "Toni Love" is a gifted poet, singer, activist and writer born in West Philadelphia. While attending Columbia University, Tonita was a student of Amiri Baraka and performed in Ntozake Shange's "For Colored Girls" as the Lady in Orange. Her writing is influenced by both experiences. She is a contributor to the anthology *The Black Body* and featured poet in the 2018 Winter/Fall edition of the *Philadelphia Arts and Urban Literary* magazine. She is the proud mother of James and Janai. *The Restoration* EP is her first published recording; *Toni's Room* is her first published book.



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