

MBT Creative Writing Workshops

Kick-start your story: Start writing the story you've always wanted, but didn't know how to start.

Creative Writing Workshops:

Saturdays, September 16 and 30, October 14 and 28.

The first set of 4 creative writing workshops will be based on the Riksha Workshop method, using reading, recall, exercises, visualization and writing. Anyone high school age or above, who would like to work on fully seeing and telling a story can participate. These workshops can help jumpstart the process. Maybe you've got a story in your head that you've been dying to tell. Maybe you've got a story, novel, play, script or screenplay you'd like to jumpstart. Come with a scene in mind. Leave with something on paper you can use to write the rest of the story, as well as a method for seeing and writing more.

Workshop Leader:

Eduardo Cruz Eusebio is a former publisher-editor of magazines and newspapers. He has a Master's degree in Creative Writing from Columbia College where he also taught fiction writing and small press publishing. Over the years, he has mentored successful publishers and writers, and is an award-winning fiction writer with publications in literary journals and magazines. The Chicago Reader in their annual fiction edition published his award-winning short story "Disappear". <http://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/disappear/Content?oid=1001857>

Creative Writing Workshop – Poetry Session:

Saturday, November 4

The fifth session will be lead by **Tasha Fouts** and will explore poetry through readings, discussion and writing.

Workshop Leader:

Tasha Fouts received her BA from California State University at Long Beach and her MFA in poetry from Bowling Green State University. She has currently all but dissertation on her Ph.D. in English at The University of Illinois at Chicago. She has taught at the University of Illinois, Bowling Green University and The Chicago Academy for the Arts. Her work has previously appeared or is forthcoming in *Salt Hill*, *Bateau*, and *Glass: A Journal of Poetry*. She works and lives in suburban Illinois but still calls Alaska home because its wildness will always be in her heart.

When: 9:30am - 12:30noon

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Where: Midwest Buddhist Temple

435 W. Menomonee

Chicago, IL 60614

Suggested Donation: \$30 for MBT members / \$40 for the general public for all five sessions. \$25 for MBT members / \$30 for the general public for the four creative writing sessions only. Alternatively, \$10 per session with reservation as available.

Reservations are required to ensure a maximum class size of 10

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Alex Yu to reserve your spot:

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