THE POETRY COLLECTIVE
What is it?
The Poetry Collective is a flexible, affordable program aimed at helping you produce a finished, high-quality book of poems, one that reads as a cohesive collection and not just a bundle of singular works.

How does it work?
Over the course of a year, students participate in five one-on-one mentor meetings, three day-long intensives, and four in-depth manuscript workshops.

Just twelve poets are admitted into the Poetry Collective at a time, ensuring a close-knit working group and lots of personal instruction. The year culminates in a reading and reception at Lighthouse’s annual Lit Fest.

Tuition
$2,760 ($230 per month for 12 months). Monthly or quarterly payment plans are available with no interest.

Poetry Collective Calendar

April: Applications open
June: Applications due
July: Acceptance notifications sent out
August: First mentor meeting
September: Daylong Intensive 1
October: Daylong Intensive 2
November: Daylong Intensive 3
December: Second mentor meeting
January: Manuscripts due; Third mentor meeting
February: First manuscript workshop
March: Second manuscript workshop
April: Third manuscript workshop
May: Fourth manuscript workshop; Fourth mentor meeting
June: Reading and celebration at Lit Fest
Poetry Collective Faculty

[Image 1] Carolina Ebeid
[Image 2] HR Hegnauer

Mentors

Carolina Ebeid was born in West New York, NJ and is the author of You Ask Me to Talk About the Interior (Noemi Press, 2016). She holds a PhD from the University of Denver, and has won fellowships from CantoMundo, the Stadler Center, the NEA, as well as a residency fellowship from the Lannan Foundation. She helps edit poetry at The Rumpus, and also edits the online zine Visible Binary together with her husband Jeffrey Pethybridge and their son. She has taught creative writing at the University of Texas, El Paso bilingual MFA program, as well as at Naropa University, and Regis University. She currently teaches at Lighthouse Writer’s Workshop in Denver.

HR Hegnauer is the author of When the Bird is Not a Human and Sir, as well as two chapbooks. After working at Palgrave Macmillan, she left to start her own business as a book designer specializing in working with independent publishers as well as individual writers, translators, and artists. Now 14 years later, HR has designed over 250 books. She has also taught at the University of Colorado, Johnson & Wales University, and Naropa University in addition to guest lecturing at many other universities. She received her MFA in Writing & Poetics from Naropa University and her MBA in Business from the University of Denver.

Poetry Instructors

Michael J. Henry
Khadijah Queen
Seth Brady Tucker
Elizabeth Robinson
Diana Khoi Nguyen
Mathias Svalina
Lynn Wagner

And more

[Image 3] Diana Khoi Nguyen
[Image 4] Jessica Comola
[Image 5] Michael J. Henry
[Image 6] Khadijah Queen