

A resource for diving into writing: tips for starting a writing circle or finding community in general, idea generation prompts to spark ideas, and more. Because creativity and expression are for everyone, and every voice can contribute.

ideas and prompts for getting inspired
& starting your own writing practice

spark your writing

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MEETING THE MOMENT: political poetry and the anthem impulse

A virtual, asynchronous class for poets, writers, and creative communicators of all kinds interested in language as a tool for creative resistance, truth-telling, and narrative-shaping.

LET EVERY WORD BE A WRENCH IN THEIR MACHINE

Writing prompts for poets, songwriters, and anyone.

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- SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE - Salt of the Earth
- Trung Le Nguyen - Just before Christmas, I got a puppy (ongoing)
- Kyle Tran Myhre - Discourse (Let Your Heart Be a Whistle)
- Ollie Schminkey - Land of 10,000 Lakes
- Muna Abdulahi - The poem is Good
- Carl Atiya Swanson - They Tear-Gassed a Baby
- Tish Jones - The Children Are Watching

LOCAL ART FOR THIS MOMENT
Just a few examples from our community; there are many more!



WHAT CAN ARTISTS DO? Virtual Event Notes and Report-Back

the full meeting notes, slides, real-world examples, and resource document from a virtual workshop exploring specific, practical ways artists can support organizing beyond our art: fundraising, signal-boosting, narrative-shifting, community-building, and more.

We march together no matter the temperature, no matter the fear inflicted, no matter the hatred weaponized, because of our love for humanity. We love our friends, our family and our neighbors... And this love makes violence and injustice unacceptable. - Bao Phi

Minnesota and Minneapolis may be getting beaten down by various nefarious forces right now, but its people are finished being nice. This moment calls for something much more powerful, necessary and transformative. And we are all discovering what that is. - Shannon Gibney

Despite the party's wishes, I trust my eyes and my ears. I know you should be somewhere safe, close to your loved ones, musing on a poem to rescue our souls from the seduction of despair, the comfort of inaction, and the false safety some see in fascism. Neighbor, I know you should be alive. I know what I saw. - Danez Smith

FOR PEOPLE ASKING "WHAT CAN I DO?"

Before we get to the artist-specific stuff, some general calls-to-action:

- **Attend** an "upstander" or legal observer training (via MONARCA, MIRAC, Immigrant Defense Network, or another group)
- **Connect** to a local rapid response network. Talk to neighbors and/or check out defend612.com and linktr.ee/mspwhistles
- **Support** each other via mutual aid + donations, as well as everyday neighbor stuff: offering rides, getting groceries, etc. Find more at standwithminnesota.com

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FOR ARTISTS, WRITERS, AND OTHER CREATIVE TROUBLEMAKERS

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They hate art—and artists—because we represent a stronghold: one piece of society they can't just buy, or crush, or be in charge of. No matter how bad things get, there will be murals painted without permission, dancing beyond their surveillance, and poems that tell the truth.

It's the same reason they hate Minneapolis, come to think of it.

And it's why we will win.

- KTM, Spring 2026



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