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## THE SLAM IN SPOKANE

Featured poets: Adeeba Shahid Talukder^

and

Mark L Anderson (He/Him)\*

When: 2:30-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time Friday, 9 April, 2021

Attendees will join through the Zoom links posted in the Networking Lounge and at the SJAC Virtual Booth in the Exhibition Hall

Would you like to perform your poetry at the Slam? Email kristenruccio@gmail.com Adeeba Shahid Talukder is a Pakistani American poet, translator, and singer. She is the author of *What Is Not Beautiful* (Glass Poetry Press, 2018) and her debut collection, *Shahr-e-jaanaan: The City of the Beloved* (Tupelo Press, 2020), is a winner of the Kundiman Poetry Prize. Her poetry has appeared in *Poem-A-Day, Glass, Gulf Coast, Meridian, The Aleph Review,* and *The Margins,* and her translations in *PBS Frontline* and *Words Without Borders.* Adeeba holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Michigan and an Emerging Poets fellowship from Poets House. Her website can be found at: <u>https://adeebashahidtalukder.com/</u>

Mark L Anderson (He/Him) is a poet living in Spokane, Washington, where he served as city Poet Laureate from 2017 to 2019. He co-founded the cult classic poetry series, Broken Mic, and has traveled across the nation reading poems at open mics, poetry slams, parks, libraries, and basements. Watch one of Mark's poems here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6Opu-ii bM&t=3s