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### **QUEENSBOUND Launches 2021 Edition**



# Audio Poetry Project Offers A Tour of the "World's Borough" During National Poetry Month

April 27, 2021, Queens, New York - In honor of National Poetry Month, the audio poetry project <u>QUEENSBOUND</u> (queensbound.com) is pleased to release our 2021 edition. Featuring the work of twelve new poets, QUEENSBOUND

2021 has expanded to include the work of 44 contributors in total, drawing from Queens' many diverse communities to include poems from every corner of the borough. The 2021 edition celebrates and reflects on Queens during the pandemic, reaching the beaches of the Rockaways, the coffee shops of Astoria, the quiet skies above JFK, and the streets of Jackson Heights as they fill again with language and with carts piled with mango slices in Ziplocks.

2021 contributors include some of the borough's many emerging and esteemed poets: Philip F. Clark, Noelle de la Paz, Matthew Hittinger, Marcia B. Loughran, Jimena Lucero, Yasmin Adele Majeed, Nadia Misir, Shams A. Momin, Richard Jeffrey Newman, Nikay C. Paredes, Bino A. Realuyo, and Spencer Reece. This year's edition includes our first poem in a language other than English, <u>Shams A. Momin's "Queens,"</u> recorded in both Bengali and English.

- <u>QUEENSBOUND Map with audio links</u> Please note that the map is visible only on laptops or desktops.
- SoundCloud Playlist of all 2021 QUEENSBOUND audio files
- Sample Poems from 2021 Contributors:
  - Jasmine Nikki "Nikay" C. Paredes <u>"Feast"</u> Spencer Reece <u>"Ephphetha"</u> Yasmin Adele Majeed <u>"For Rob, April 15, 2020"</u> Philip Clark <u>"The Planes"</u>

### ABOUT QUEENSBOUND

Founded in 2018, QUEENSBOUND uses New York City's subways and an online map to bring poetry to the people. A collaborative audio project of poems written about the borough by poets from the borough, QUEENSBOUND connects writers, showcases and helps develop Queens-based literature, and reflects the borough back to itself. See the map, hear the poems, and learn more at <u>queensbound.com</u>. <u>Fractured Atlas</u> is our fiscal sponsor.

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