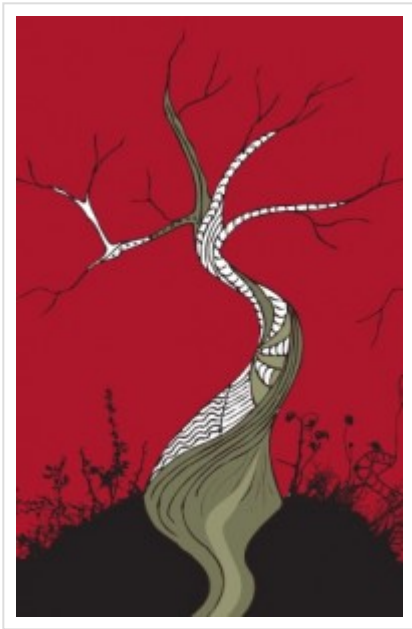


# CantoMundo Event Celebrates National Poetry Month

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In celebration of national poetry month, the CantoMundo Poets at the UT Poetry Center are presenting a poetry reading event on Thursday, April 23 at the Perry-Castaneda Library.

The event will feature readings by Octavio Quintanilla, author of “If I Go Missing,” and Ire’ne Lara Silva, author of “Furia, Flesh to Bone,” and “Blood Sugar Canto.”

CantoMundo co-director and poet Celeste Guzmán Mendoza will lead a discussion on the daily sustenance of Chicano@ poetry, the role of CantoMundo in poetry today, and the political life of poetry broadsides. Barrio Writers youth poets will open the event and join in the closing conversation. [Go to this website](#) for more details.

In addition to the poetry reading event, Quintanilla and Lara Silva are offering two free writing workshops on Saturday April 25, 2-5 p.m. at Resistencia Bookstore, 4926 E. Cesar Chavez. Quintanilla’s workshop “What We Love about Poems” will take place at 2-3:30 p.m. Lara Silva’s workshop “Gritos: On Finding the Source of Our Voices” is scheduled for 3:30-5 p.m.

Please RSVP to: [irenelarasilva@gmail.com](mailto:irenelarasilva@gmail.com)

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