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**Prose/Poetry/Music: An Evening of Words and Music Featuring Lania Knight, John Palen, Roxane Gay, and Jeff Arrigo.**

Prose/Poetry/Music: An Evening of Words and Music will happen on Saturday, September 22nd, at the indigo Artist Co-Op, starting at 8pm.

Lania Knight's first book, *Three Cubic Feet*, is a novella about a gay teenager in Missouri. Her stories and essays have been published in *PANK*, *Midwestern Gothic*, *Jabberwock Review*, and others. She lives in Champaign.

John Palen's latest book is *Small Economies*, a short-fiction chapbook published by Mayapple Press. His *Open Communion: New and Selected Poems* came out in 2005, also from Mayapple. He has published poetry recently in *Citron Review*, *Lingerpost*, *The New Poet*, *The Cossack*, *Poydras Poetry Blog*, *New Verse News*, *Sleet* and elsewhere. A retired journalist and journalism educator, he recently moved to Champaign-Urbana from Michigan.

Roxane Gay lives and writes in the Midwest.

Jeff Arrigo is a singer-songwriter from Missouri. His first CD, *Gideon*, features his signature folk-blues storytelling style. He is co-founder of the CU Singer-Songwriter Collective and helps with fundraising for the CU Folk & Roots Festival.

Prose/Poetry/Music featuring Lania Knight, John Palen, Roxane Gay, and Jeff Arrigo. Books and CDs will be available for purchase. No cover.

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