The Surrey English Teachers' Association presents

## Stepping Outside Ourselves: the Persona Spoken Word Poem Performance & Workshop

with Lucia Misch & Johnny MacRae

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015 NEWTON CULTURAL CENTRE 13530 72nd AVENUE

9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

"Stepping Outside Ourselves" is a spoken word poetry workshop focused on writing in one of the most popular spoken word forms, persona poems. Facilitators Lucia Misch and Johnny MacRae will guide participants through exercises that emphasize both performance and writing. Beginning with a general overview of spoken word and a performance of their own work in the persona genre, Lucia and Johnny will focus on a variety of areas related to persona poetry and poetry more generally, including principles such as active language and writing for the senses, poetic devices such as personification and metaphorical conceit, or skills such as character performance.



Lucia Misch has performed and taught poetry across North America. She is also a singersongwriting, guitar-playing troubadour. Johnny MacRae is one of the top spoken word poets in the country. He tours the country as part of the storytelling duo 2 Dope Boys in a Cadillac.





