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Ogden's Poet Laureate Is A Recipient Of A \$50,000 Fellowship

August 6, 2024 – Ogden, UT – Ogden City is excited to announce that Angelika Brewer, Ogden's Poet Laureate is the recipient of a \$50,000 fellowship from The Academy of American Poets. She is one of twenty-two recipients across the United States to receive this acknowledgment.

"I feel incredibly honored and just truly amazed by the recognition and generosity from The Academy of American Poets and The Mellon Foundation. It is surreal to be in a lineup with such notable and accomplished poets and organizers from across the country, said Angelika Brewer, Ogden's Poet Laureate.

She went on to say, "I have always been an advocate and supporter of the arts and I am extremely grateful to be able to bring additional resources to our community here in Ogden and represent our city on a national level in this way.

I plan to expand on the Ogden Ar(t)chives Mailbox project by creating a website for the archives, so the public can view submissions at any time. I have partnered up with Ogden Contemporary Arts and Glass Spider Publishing to create a book about OCA's Artist Factory program, which I hope generates some circular funding for OCA to continue the incredible work they do for the community and arts advocacy, as well as give youth poets and artists a chance to be formally published. I'll also be investing in supplies to expand on existing and create new poetry events and projects in our community. I look forward to the upcoming year and my new term as Ogden's Poet Laureate. I thank the city of Ogden for their trust in me to create additional space for the incredible Literary Artists that live here and the accomplishments of our arts community."

Angelika has been a featured speaker at the Utah Conference for Teachers of English, Kiwanis Club, Ogden Pride Festival, PBS Utah, Standard-Examiner online, Utah Arts Festival, Ogden Arts Festival, Literary Deathmatch, Concrete Rose, "Write About Now" cypher and many other events.

Ogden City's Arts Administrator Lorie Buckley commented, "I am thrilled to congratulate Angelika Brewer, Ogden City's esteemed Poet Laureate, on being awarded a prestigious \$50,000 fellowship from The Academy of American Poets. Angelika's dedication to enriching our literary community has been truly inspiring. Her innovative programs and workshops have not only fostered a deeper appreciation for poetry but have also nurtured the creative talents of our youth. Through her tireless efforts, she has cultivated a vibrant and inclusive literary culture in Ogden.

We are incredibly proud to have Angelika representing our city as Poet Laureate and look forward to the continued impact of her remarkable work."

Angelika self-published and self-bound a chapbook titled "I Don't Want to Miss You," this is published in the compilation "First Moon Manual," and has over 100 digital publications. She has coordinated poetry slams and won several Utah-based ones, and has been part of open mics, art shows, and mixed arts events in Utah cities. She has been a featured speaker at events throughout Utah, including the Utah Board of Governors' annual meeting, and the Utah Council for Teachers of English Conference. She has been a featured guest at the Ogden City Mayor's Awards in the Arts.

Be sure to follow Angelika on social media:

Instagram - @signed_a.b / @signed_a.b

TikTok - @signed.ab

Facebook - Signed, A.B.

Website: angelikabrewer.com

Social Media:

IG - Ogden_Arts / The_Corner_Ogden

FB – OgdenCityArts / TheCorner / OgdensFirstFridayArtStroll

For more information about Angelika Brewer, go to Ogden City Arts link below.

<https://www.ogdencity.com/1147/Poet-Laureate-of-Ogden>

About Ogden City Arts

Ogden City Arts supports the belief that the arts are an integral part of a healthy culture, providing both intellectual nourishment and social benefit, and that community arts programs provide significant value both to communities and to artists.

Ogden City Arts' mission is to enrich the lives of Ogden residents and visitors by ensuring access to visual, performing, and literary arts and arts education. In supporting arts organizations and independent artists Ogden City Arts works to connect the arts to daily life, education, and economic development.

