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Friday 6:30-8:00 pm PST UCR

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2021 *LA Review of Books* (LARB)– UCR Department of Creative Writing *Lifetime Achievement Awards*

Rita Dove, Joy Harjo and Juan Felipe Herrera

## Rita Dove



**Rita Dove** is a former U.S. Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner (Thomas and Beulah, 1987). The author of numerous poetry books, a novel, short stories, a play and, as editor, *The Penguin Anthology of Twentieth-Century American Poetry*. Her honors include the 1996 National Humanities Medal from President Clinton and the 2011 National Medal of Arts from President Obama – the only poet ever to receive both medals – as well as the Heinz Award in the Arts and Humanities, the Wallace Stevens Award from the Academy of American Poets, Lifetime Achievement Medals from the Library of Virginia and the Fulbright Commission, as well as 28 honorary doctorates, and an NAACP Image Award (for *Collected Poems: 1974-2004*). She has served as president of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs and as chancellor of the honor society Phi Beta Kappa. An elected member of the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Letters, she is the Henry Hoyns Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Virginia. Her next volume of poems, *Playlist for the Apocalypse*, is forthcoming from W.W. Norton in the summer of 2021

Rita Dove, University of Virginia  
Rita Dove, Library of Congress

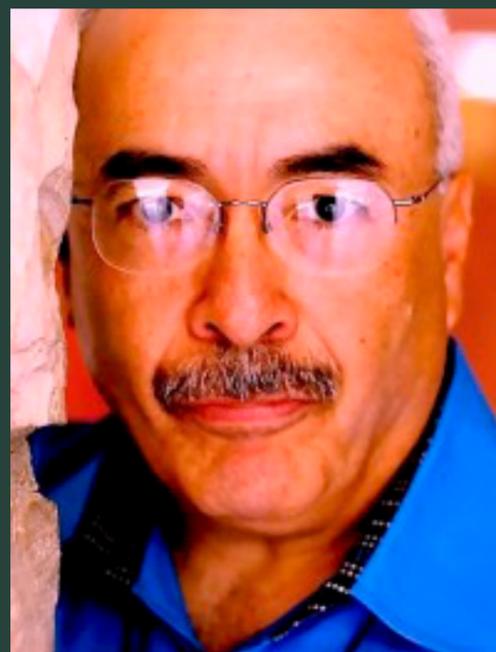
## Joy Harjo



**Joy Harjo** is the author of nine books of poetry, a memoir, a play and an acclaimed editor. An *American Sunrise*, poetry, and *When the Light of the World was Subdued*, an Oprah Selection anthology, are her most recent releases. The recipient of a Ruth Lilly Prize from the Poetry Foundation for Lifetime Achievement, the Wallace Stevens Award from the Academy of American Poets for proven mastery in the art of poetry, a Guggenheim Fellowship, the William Carlos Williams Award from the Poetry Society of America, a PEN USA Award, an American Book Award, and the United States Artist Fellowship. In 2014, she was inducted into the Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame. A renowned musician, Harjo performs with her saxophone nationally and internationally, solo and with her band, the Arrow Dynamics. She has five award-winning CDs of music including the award-winning album *Red Dreams*, *A Trail Beyond Tears* and *Winding Through the Milky Way*, Native American Music Award for Best Female Artist of the Year. In 2019, Joy Harjo was appointed the 23rd United States Poet Laureate, the first Native American to hold the position. She lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Joy Harjo, Joy Harjo  
Joy Harjo, Blue Flower Arts  
Joy Harjo, Library of Congress

## Juan Felipe Herrera



**Juan Felipe Herrera** is the 21st Poet Laureate of the United States (2015-2016) and is the first Latino to hold the position. From 2012-2014, Herrera served as California State Poet Laureate. Herrera's many collections of poetry include *Every Day We Get More Illegal*; *Notes on the Assemblage*; *Senegal Taxi*; *Half of the World in Light: New and Selected Poems*, a recipient of the PEN/Beyond Margins Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award; and *187 Reasons Mexicanos Can't Cross The Border: Undocumented 1971-2007*. He is also the author of *Crashboomlove: A Novel in Verse*, which received the Americas Award. His books of prose for children include: *SkateFate*, *Calling The Doves*, which won the Ezra Jack Keats Award; *Upside Down Boy*, which was adapted into a musical for young audiences in New York City; and *Cinnamon Girl: Letters Found Inside a Cereal Box*. His book *Jabberwalking*, a children's book focused on turning your wonder at the world around you into weird, wild, incandescent poetry, is forthcoming in 2018. Herrera is also a performance artist and activist on behalf of migrant and indigenous communities and at-risk youth.

Juan Felipe Herrera, UCR Emeritus Professor of Creative Writing  
Juan Felipe Herrera, Blue Flower Arts  
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