

**Sunday
May 4th
1-3pm**

**The Chehalis Tribe
Community Center**
461 Secena Rd
Oakville, WA

TRAUMA IS NOT OUR *Tradition*

**Beyond Trauma: Finding Strength
in Our Stories *through poetry***

Join us for a powerful event of spoken word, storytelling,
and artistry featuring two award-winning literary voices
—**Carlos Andrés Gómez and Rena Priest!**

Light
refreshments
catered by
Jeremy's

Signed Books to
the First 50
Attendees
& Raffle Prizes!



**Carlos Andrés
Gómez**

Carlos Andrés Gómez is a Colombian American poet and actor from New York City. He is the author of several award-winning works, including the #1 SPD bestseller *Circling Fatherhood* and the Poetry International Chapbook Prize-winning memoir *Man Up: Reimagining Modern Manhood*. A star of HBO's *Def Poetry Jam*, TV One's *Verses and Flow*, and Spike Lee's box-office hit *Inside Man* alongside Denzel Washington, Carlos is one of the most sought-after keynote speakers and spoken word performers in the world.



Rena Priest

Rena Priest is an acclaimed poet, essayist, and enrolled member of the Lummi Nation. As the sixth Washington State Poet Laureate (2021-2023) and recipient of the Washington State Book Award, Rena's work is deeply rooted in storytelling, culture, and advocacy. Her upcoming essay collection, *Positively Uncivilized*—winner of the 2024 Keepers of the Fire Award—will be published in September 2025.

**Don't miss this extraordinary event celebrating poetry,
identity, and the power of words!**

Ages 16+ event. Childcare provided.



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