



John Michael Kohler Arts Center

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Dasha Kelly Hamilton. Photo by Andrew Feller.

JMKAC offers workshop with poet Dasha Kelly Hamilton

“Life, in Short” is little bit memoir, a little poetry, and all about your life. Milwaukee Poet Laureate will lead this five-session online workshop beginning Thursday, Oct. 1, presented by the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan.

“We are seldom invited to shamelessly explore our own stories, tend to our own narratives. ‘Life, in Short’ explores and celebrates the steps we all make in our miraculous life journeys,” said Kelly Hamilton.

“We all are mosaics of experiences—epic and mundane,” she continued. “‘Life, in Short’ celebrates these memories in equal measure. It will be an experience of creating and celebrating as we distill our life stories into a manageable memoir of moments.

Workshop participants map life moments and hone that material into their “Life, in Short” manuscript. They will also learn how to create a bound copy of their writing, led by book artist and printmaker Benjamin D. Rinehart.

The sessions, meeting via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Thursdays Oct. 1–29, run approximately 75 minutes. Included in the registration are a journal and book-binding supplies. In addition, participants will receive a copy of *Life, in Short* by Dasha Kelly Hamilton, a pocket-size book of 100-word stories.

Writers of all abilities are welcome. Visit jmkac.org to register. The cost of the workshop is \$75, \$60 for Arts Center members and students. Scholarships are available; contact Angela Ramey at aramey@jmkac.org.

Dasha Kelly Hamilton

Milwaukee Poet Laureate Dasha Kelly Hamilton is a writer, performance artist, and creative change agent. She uses the creative process to facilitate dialogues around human and social wellness.

She is the author of two novels, three poetry collections and four spoken word albums. She has taught at colleges, conferences and classrooms, and curated fellowships for emerging leaders. An Arts Envoy for the U.S. Embassy, Dasha facilitated community building in Botswana, Toronto, Mauritius and Beirut. Her touring production, *Makin' Cake*, engages communities in a forward dialogue on race, class, and equity.

In 2017, Kelly Hamilton led workshops at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center that led up to her performance of *Makin' Cake with Dasha Kelly*.

dashakelly.com

Benjamin D. Rinehart

Benjamin D. Rinehart specializes in multimedia images with a strong focus in printmaking, book constructions, painting and drawing. His socially charged work is a part of many public and private collections and has been exhibited nationally and internationally. Ben received a BFA at Herron School of Art and a MFA from Louisiana State University.

Ben is associate professor of painting and printmaking at Lawrence University in Appleton. He also lectures and teaches as a visiting artist at institutions including the Center for Book Arts in NYC, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, the John Michael Kohler Art Center, and Black-Eyed Press. Ben is the author of *Creating Books & Boxes*, a step-by-step guide offering sophisticated and original projects for beginners and experienced book makers.

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Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location

John Michael Kohler Arts Center: 608 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI
Art Preserve: 3636 Lower Falls Road, Sheboygan, WI

About the John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Founded in 1967, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (JMKAC) is dedicated to generating creative exchanges between an international community of artists and a diverse public. Central to its mission is promoting understanding and appreciation of the work of self-taught and contemporary artists through original exhibitions, commissioned works of art, performing arts, community arts initiatives, and publications.

The Arts Center's collection focuses primarily on works by artist-environment builders, self-taught and folk artists, and works created in the Arts/Industry residency program. JMKAC is the world's leading center for research and presentation of artist-built environments. Beginning in August 2020, its collection of 25,000 individual works of art by more than 30 art-environment builders can be viewed year round at the Art Center's new satellite campus, the Art Preserve.

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center is supported by corporate and foundation donors, government grants, and its many members. The Arts Center is not an entity of Kohler Co. or its subsidiaries. The John Michael Kohler Arts Center is located at 608 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. The Art Preserve is located at 3636 Lower Falls Road, Sheboygan. Admission to both is free. For information, call 920-458-6144, or visit jmkac.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).