

Peggy Robles-Alvarado

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Peggy Robles-Alvarado is a tenured New York City educator and award winning poet who inspires triumph and embodies strength. She is a 2014 CantoMundo Poetry Fellow and a BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) Award winner. In 2012 she became the recipient of the *Mujeres Destacadas Award*, a recognition given annually by *El Diario-La Prensa* to the most outstanding women in the Latino community and The Womyn Warrior Award presented by *Casa Atabex Aché*. Her first book, *Conversations With My Skin*, was awarded second place in the category of Best Poetry Book in English in the 2012 International Latino Book Awards. In 2013, her second book *Homenaje A Las Guerreras/ Homage To The Warrior Women* was awarded second place for Best Bilingual Poetry Book and Best Cover Design. In 2013 she also was awarded The Tato Laviera Poetic Teamster Award given by the Teamsters Union Local 237.



Peggy has been featured on HBO Habla Women, Lincoln Center Out of Doors for La Casita, Pregones Theater Block Party, The 2014 Voto Latino Power Summit at John Jay College, Poets and Writers Fifth Annual Connecting Cultures Reading, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Community College, Hunter College, New York University, Hostos Community College, The 2011 Brooklyn Book Festival, The Nuyorican Poets Café, The Milford Fine Arts Center, Fairfield University, Brecht Forum, Clemente Soto Véllez Cultural Center, as well as other culturally notable venues throughout the tri-state area.

She has been published in Letras, a publication by the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College, Luna Luna Magazine, The Bronx Memoir Project Volume 1, Uplifft.com, Dealmas.net and Sofrito For Your Soul. She has also participated in several panel discussions focused on contemporary writers through the Mosaic Literary Freedom Project, Sangre Viva Arts Alliance, Fordham University's Office of Multicultural Affairs, Comadres y Compadres Writer's Conference and The New York City Latina Writers Group.

Peggy is continuously generating and supporting original thought-provoking women centered literary events that provide a platform for emerging artists through Robleswrites Productions. She co-wrote and co-produced *Soledad Speaks: A Theatrical Spoken Word Journey* that successfully debuted to five sold out standing room only audiences in 2013 at The Iati Theater and was selected to be part of the 2014 BADD!ASS Women Festival at The Bronx Academy Of Arts and Dance. She also created and produced *Women In Creative Rebellion: An Annual Spoken Word Poetry and Networking Event* that began in 2013 in the Bronx to celebrate the creativity of women. Peggy also co-produced several installments of Canvas Of Words: A Queens Art and Poetry Festival. Presently, she is working on *The Abuela Stories Project* that highlights the essence of Abuelas through photography, poetry, and prose. For more information please visit robleswrites.com.

Feature Performances

2014

- Voices in Memory of Jack Agueros, Columbia University
- Word/Play Series- HOWL, Medicine Show Theater
- En Vivo y En Color, Bronx Museum of the Arts
- Smokin Word and Drum, El Fogon Cultural Arts Center
- Language is Identity: Visiones Culturales, Bronx Art Space
- Mexican American Cultural Center, CantoMundo, Austin, Texas
- Voto Latino Power Summit at John Jay College
- Poets and Writers Fifth Annual Connecting Cultures Reading
- BAAD!ASS Women Festival, Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance
- La Revolucion: A Celebration of Women Richmond Hill Library

2013

- Soledad Speaks: A Spoken Word Theatrical Production
- Canvas of Words: Art and Poetry Showcase
- Bronx Literary Festival
- Bronx Museum of the Arts
- St. John's University
- Fordham University
- Hunter College
- Hostos Community College
- NYC Lit Crawl Radical Latinas
- Teamsters Union Local 237 Latino Heritage Month Tato Laviera Poetry Slam
- Tato Laviera Memorial
- Bronx Heritage Music Center
- Puerto Rican Poets From The Diaspora, Manhattan Neighborhood Network
- Plantando Banderas Theatrical Showcase
- Nuyorican Poets Cafe
- East Harlem Café
- Babble In The Bronx

2012

- Lincoln Center Out Of Doors
- Pregones Theater
- Millersville University
- Fairfield University
- Lehman College
- Hunter College School of Social Work
- Taller Boricua
- Capicu Poetry and Cultural Showcase
- New York City Latina Writers Group at Camaradas
- Encuentro with Sery Colon at Camaradas
- Librotraficante Protest Reading at La Casa Azul Bookstore
- Circa 95 Pop Up Shop



2011

- Poets and Writers Cross Cultural Reading
- El Fogon: The Art of Creation
- Clemente Soto Velez Cultural and Educational Center
- DeAlmas.org Women's Retreat
- Inwood House
- Hostos Puerto Rican Club at Hunter College
- Brecht Forum
- Bowery Poetry Club: Warrior of Words
- Common Space Common Sense Poetry Night

Publications

- Undocumented published as part of Bronx Memoir Project Volume 1, 2014
- Homenaje a las guerreras / Homage To The Warrior Women, 2012
- Conversations With My Skin, 2011

Online Publications

- La Cura – poetry- published by [Luna Luna Magazine](#)
- El Ombligo / The Belly Button- memoir published by [Uplift.com](#), Nov. 2013.
- Despite It All I Remain Puerto Rican – poetry and Querida Abuela- memoir - published by [Letras Literary Journal](#), The Center For Puerto Rican Studies, March 2010
- Tu cuerpo es mi religion-poetry published by [Sofritoforyoursoul.com](#), Jan. 2010
- Tu cuerpo es mi religion- poetry- published by She Speaks Dealmas.net, July 2009

Accolades

- BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) Award in Performance Poetry, 2014
- CantoMundo Poetry Fellowship, Austin, Texas, 2014
- Tato Laviera Poetic Teamster Award, Teamsters Union Local 237, 2013
- International Latino Book Awards, Second Place, Best Bilingual Poetry Book and Best Cover Design, 2013
- International Latino Book Awards, Second Place, Best Poetry Book in English, 2012
- Mujeres Destacadas Award, Most Outstanding Women in the Latino Community,
- El Diario-La Prensa, 2012
- Womyn Warrior Award, Casa Atabex Aché Center, 2012

Links To Poetry Performances

- [To All the Boys in College](#)
- [Poetry Idol Judge](#)
- [Warriors Of Words](#)
- [Out Doors Spoken Word](#)
- [Women in Creative Rebellion](#)
- [Plantando Banderas – Planting Flags](#)
- [We Be The Beat of This City!](#)

Conferences

- Mosaic Literary Conference, A Conversation About Down these Mean Streets by Piri Thomas, Panelist, 2014
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- Girlswrittenow.org, Digital Media and Spoken Word Workshop, Panelist, 2013
- Comadres y Compadres Writer’s Conference, Poetry Panel Moderator, 2013
- Sangre Viva Presents Historias: A Conversation on Latino Literature, Fordham University, Panelist, 2012 New York City
- Latina Writers Group Presents Sankofa Sisterhood, Panelist, 2012
- IJO / AYA Fellowship Author’s Conference, Panelist, 2012

Facilitated Workshops

Women Respond To Poe Writers Workshop, Bronx Writers Center- The Big Read, 2014
DeAlmas Women’s Institute, Latina Youth Wellness City Retreat Poetry Workshop, 2014, 2013
Migrant Education Leadership Camp, Millersville University, Annual Teen Poetry Workshop, 2013 and 2012



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Radio and Television Appearances

- HBO Habla Women: Gifted, 2013
- Manhattan Neighborhood Network, Puerto Rican Poets from The Diaspora, 2013
- Blogtalkradio.com Radio Capicu Before Opening Night-Soledad Speaks, 2013
- Bronxnet Open 2.0, 2013 and 2011
- Bronxnet Open, 2011
- Bronxnet Dialogo Abierto, 2011
- Bronxnet Bronx Journal, 2011

Links Media Coverage

- [APLAUSO NEW YORK \(by By SERY COLÓN\)](#)
- [LATINTRENDS \(by Rachel Slaiman\)](#)
- [womenwhokickass](#)
- [NEW YORK TIMES \(By A. C. LEE\)](#)
- [BORICUA NEWS \(By Robert Waddell\)](#)
- [WELCOME 2 THE BRONX](#)



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