

# Yosimar Reyes

Yosimar Reyes is a nationally-acclaimed poet and public speaker. Born in Guerrero, Mexico, and raised in Eastside San Jose, Reyes explores the themes of migration and sexuality in his work. The Advocate named Reyes one of "13 LGBT Latinos Changing the World" and Remezcla included Reyes on their list of "10 Up And Coming Latinx Poets You Need To Know."

His first collection of poetry, *For Colored Boys Who Speak Softly...* was self-published after a collaboration with the legendary Carlos Santana. His work has also been published in various online journals and books including *Mariposas: An Anthology of Queer Modern Latino Poetry* (Floricanto Press), *Queer in Aztlán: Chicano Male Recollections of Consciousness and Coming Out* (Cognella Press), and the forthcoming *Joto: An Anthology of Queer Xicano & Chicano Poetry* (Kórima Press). Reyes was featured in the Documentary, "2nd Verse: The Rebirth of Poetry."

Yosimar is a LAMBDA Literary Fellow as well as the recipient of the Undocupoets Fellowship. Reyes previously served as Artist-in-Residence at the media and culture organization, Define American.



He has toured and presented at university campuses across the United States. He is currently working on his one-man show, "Prieto," to premiere in the near future. Reyes holds a B.A in Creative Writing from San Francisco State University.