

# QUEER VOICES

## SATURDAY MAY 13, 7:00PM

The Library will host an evening of GLBTQQ authors at the Galiano South Hall. Learn more about our three readers below.



**JILLIAN CHRISTMAS**

Jillian Christmas was born and raised in Markham, Ontario. She currently lives on the unceded territories of the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam people (Vancouver, BC.), where she serves as Artistic Director of Verses Festival of Words. Jillian is an enthusiastic organizer and activist in the Canadian arts community, her focus being to increase anti-oppression initiatives in spoken word.

She has participated in, developed and executed programs in partnership with Toronto Poetry Project, Wordplay, Brendan McLeod's Travelling Slam, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Opera, and the CULTCH Mentorship, and facilitated spoken word workshops for youth and adults across the country.

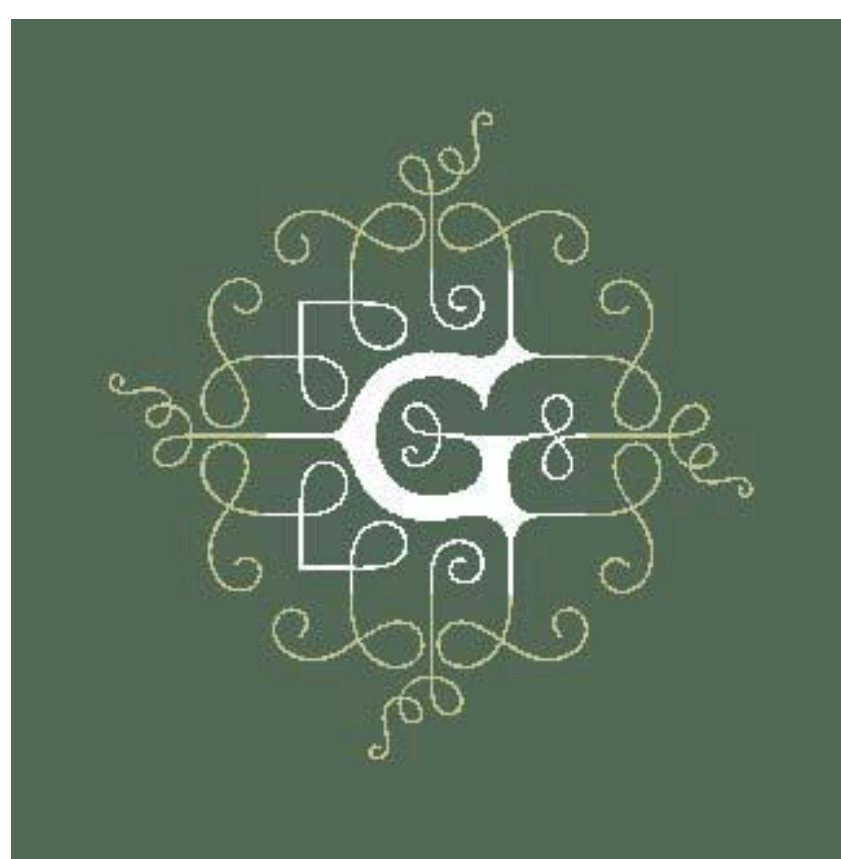
<http://www.vancouverpoetryhouse.com/blog/wordplay/our-poets/jillian-christmas/>



**HASAN NAMIR**

Born in Iraq in 1987, Namir came from a family of writers and was always passionate about writing. He graduated from Simon Fraser University with a BA in English and he also received the Ying Chen Creative Writing Student Award for being the top writing student. In 2015, *God in Pink* was published by Arsenal Pulp Press. The book received a lot of praises and was on the Globe and Mail's Top 100 Books list for 2015. It went on to win the Lambda Literary Award for Best Gay Fiction.

<http://hasannamir.com/about/>



**ANNE FLEMING**

Anne Fleming grew up in Toronto and lived in Kitchener, Ontario for several years before moving to Vancouver, where she received her MFA from the University of British Columbia.

Her first book, *Pool-Hopping and Other Stories*, published in 1998, was shortlisted for the Governor-General's Award, the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize and the Danuta Glead Award. *Anomaly*, a novel, came out in 2005.

Her fiction has been commissioned by CBC Radio, and widely published in magazines and anthologies, including *Toronto Life* magazine, *The Journey Prize Stories*, and *The New Quarterly*, where it won a National Magazine Award. She once had a very nice rejection from *The New Yorker* for a story that now appears in her latest collection, *Gay Dwarves of America*.

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