

Loida Maritza Pérez

Reading on Saturday, 8/19/23 at 5:30PM The reading is free and open to the public at SOMOS, 108 Civic Plaza Dr, Taos, NM.

Founder and Director of Afro Mundo

A native of the Dominican Republic, a 2022-2023 National Leaders of Color Fellow, and a 2023 WESTAF BIPOC Artist Fund Awardee Loida Maritza Pérez is an independent scholar, cultural activist and author of Geographies of Home, a novel published in the United States and abroad. Her upcoming book, Beyond the Pale, won a PEN America 2019 Jean Stein Grant for Literary Oral History. Her work has appeared in the Michigan Quarterly Review, Latina, MaComere, Meridians, Edinburgh Review, Bomb, Callaloo and Best of Callaloo. She is also the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, including from the New York Foundation for the Arts, National Endowment



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