



The Friendly Spike Theatre Band *Presents*
Readings from POEMDEMIC!

A virtual two-part event featuring a diverse group of authors reading their works from POEMDEMIC!.



POEMDEMIC! is an anthology of poems and musings based on lived experience of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is published by The Secret Handshake, 2022. The performance dates are:

Tuesday September 20, 2022 & Tuesday September 27, 2022
Starting at 7pm **EST**

To register for this event: Email friendlyspike@primus.ca

With time and reflection we realize the profound impact COVID-19 has had on us as individuals, on our community and on our society as a whole. While the pandemic raged, many took the time to document their experience, in various forms. POEMDEMIC! is a collection of 45 original poems based on the lived experience of the pandemic.

POEMDEMIC! is one example of 'pandemic documentation', not just for artistic expression, but historical record. Please join us for our virtual readings of these works as they will bring us all closer to understanding not just what we have been through, but how we endure.

Our two reading series is a free event, however we ask that if you are in a position to give, donations to The Secret Handshake (www.thesecrethandshake.ca) are gratefully appreciated. You can donate easily through on-line banking:

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