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Poetry Writing Workshop: Renga Poetry and Leonard Cohen

Kingston Frontenac Public Library is delighted to announce a 90-minute **Poetry Writing Workshop on Renga Poetry and Leonard Cohen** with Kingston Poet Laureate Jason Heroux.

Renga poetry is a genre of Japanese collaborative poetry, written by different authors in conversation. Poets work in pairs or small groups to compose alternating three-line and two-line stanzas, with each stanza arising from its predecessor. Centuries after it began, the opening stanza of renga gave rise to the shorter haiku.

On Saturday, February 22, Jason Heroux will give a 15-person workshop on renga poetry, open to those 14 and older. The workshop will begin with a discussion of Cohen's work, and then participants will use Cohen's verse to initiate a series of renga poems. This program is offered in conjunction with the February 25 Grand OnStage presentation of Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal's *Dance Me*, which was itself inspired by the work of Leonard Cohen.

For more information about the February 25 performance of *Dance Me*, or to purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.kingstongrand.ca/events/les-ballets-jazz-de-montreal-dance-me>

This workshop will take place at our **Central branch on Saturday, February 22, at 1 p.m.** It is open to those 14 and older, and there is no admission charge, but seating is limited. To avoid disappointment, please register in advance at calendar.kfpl.ca or by phone at (613) 549-8888, any time after 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 8.

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