

Festive Book Launch and Celebration!

For Wendy Barker's *One Blackbird at a Time* (winner of the John Ciardi Prize), new from BkMk Press, and for her most recent chapbook *From the Moon, Earth Is Blue* (just released by San Antonio's own Wings Press), and for Natalia Treviño's first book, *Lavando La Dirty Laundry* (Mongrel Empire Press).

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m., Beethoven Maennerchor, 422 Pereida Street, SA 78210. Come join us for a festive, celebratory evening with delectable nibbles provided by fabulous chef Laurel Bodinus! Free and open to the public.

Advance praise for Barker's *One Blackbird at a Time*: "One of the most personable, entertaining and moving books of poetry I've read in a long time" (Alan Shapiro); "These poems are full of ferocity and rapture, a joy to read" (Alicia Ostriker); "Rich, complex, and shimmering with energy and intelligence" (Kevin Prufer).

Praise for Barker's *From the Moon, Earth Is Blue*: "Barker's work is a gift" (David Huddle); "Tonics of sheer restoration" (Naomi Shihab Nye).

And praise for Treviño's *Lavando La Dirty Laundry*: "This exquisite collection of poems enchants and exposes, drawing the reader into its center surely, passionately, and as fiercely as a wildfire" (Carmen Tafolla).

One Blackbird at a Time is Wendy Barker's sixth full-length collection of poetry; *From the Moon, Earth Is Blue* is her fourth chapbook. Her poems have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, including *The Best American Poetry 2013*. Recipient of NEA and Rockefeller fellowships among other awards, she is Poet-in-Residence and the Pearl LeWinn Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she has taught since 1982.

Born in Mexico City and raised in San Antonio, Natalia Treviño is an Associate Professor of English at Northwest Vista College and a member of the Macondo Foundation. Winner of the Alfredo Moral de Cisneros Award, the Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Prize, and a San Antonio Artists Foundation Literary Award, she received her MFA from the University of Nebraska. *Lavando La Dirty Laundry* is her first collection of poetry.