

Jade Sylvan

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Artist Biography

Jade Sylvan, called a “risqué queer icon” by *The Boston Globe*, is the author of *Kissing Oscar Wilde* (2013 Write Bloody Publishing), *TEN* (2013 Launch Over Publishing), and *The Spark Singer* (2009 Spuyten Duyvil Press). A genderqueer writer, producer, and performing artist based out of Cambridge, MA, Jade has been on the cover of *The Boston Globe* Arts Section, *ScoutCambridge*, and *DigBoston*. The author has toured throughout North America and Europe performing poetry, and has produced and performed in acclaimed shows in the Greater Boston area and beyond. They have also appeared as an artist, speaker, and activist at Harvard, The Museum of Fine Arts Boston, and CUNY Brooklyn, as well as dozens of other universities and institutions. In 2012, Jade cowrote and starred in the indie feature film, *TEN*, which will be officially released in April, 2015. Publications include pieces in: *The Washington Post*, *The Toast*, *BuzzFeed*, *PANK*, *DigBoston*, *Carve Magazine*, *Mudfish*, *Word Riot*, and more.

Selected Publications & Writing Credits

Feature film: *TEN* (forthcoming), 2015

Novelized Memoir: *Kissing Oscar Wilde*, 2013, Write Bloody Press

Novel: *TEN*, 2013, Launch Over Press

Poetry collection: *The Spark Singer*, 2009, Spuyten Duyvil Press

Editorial: “Dear Facebook: here's why your new 'real name' policy hurts queers like me,” in *The Washington Post*, September 2014

Essay: “How My Rocky Horror Picture Show Identity Both Proves and Disproves the Existence of the Essential Soul,” in *The Toast*, September 2014

Poem: “Bloom” in *Mudfish*, 2014

Essay: “It's a Genderqueer Dandy Day: On Fluidity,” in *The Toast*, May 2014

Essay: “On Antidepressants,” in *The Toast*, May 2014

Poems: “Three Imaginary Literary Slash Sestinas,” in *The Toast*, March 2014

Essay: “Answers to Every Question You Have About my Polyamorous Relationship,” in *BuzzFeed*, February 2014

Story: “The Time I Fled a Party Full of Famous Writers to Eat Cake with Magical Girls,” in *Carve Magazine*, 2014

Story: “Fit for a King: A Queer Poly Triad Buys a Bed Off Craigslist” in *The Toast*, December 2013

Poem: “Facebook Sestina” in *The Incredible Sestina Anthology*, 2013, Write Bloody Press

Excerpt from *Kissing Oscar Wilde* in *DigBoston*, August 2013

Poem: “Science Ends on a Backstreet in Rural Oklahoma” in *The Doctor T.J. Eckleburg Review*, 2013

Essay: “A visit from my Republican parents” in *BuzzFeed*, 2013

Essay: “I hate labels so much, I changed my name” in *BuzzFeed*, 2013

Interview: “The Universe as a Catchall” in VIDA's *Her Kind*, 2012

Poem: “You know how sometimes you're in your twenties in America,” in *PANK Online*, 2012

Recorded poem: “On Breathing” on IndieFeed's Performance Poetry channel, 2012

Poems: “The Romantic's Guide to Sleeping Around” and “Kurt Vonnegut on Writing” in *Union Station Magazine*, 2012

Poem: “I Am Driving Away From You” in *basalt*, 2012

Poem: “Kissing Oscar Wilde,” 2012, *Bayou Magazine*

Poems: “Man Dies After Sex With Horse” and “Soliloquy of the Cranial Voice,” 2011, *Amethyst Arsenic*

Poems: “Drunk Driving,” “A-Train,” and “Redlight,” 2010, 2009, and 2007, *Word Riot*

Performance, Organization, and Speaking Experience

Curator, host, "For the Love of... with Boston Storytellers," love-themed storytelling event at Museum of Fine Arts Boston, February 2015

Producer, host, "Identi-tease: a Gender-Blending Burlesque," CUNY Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY, December 2014

Producer, MC, + performer, *The Literary Roast*, Oberon, Cambridge, MA, May + September, 2013

Invited author at the Women's Center end-of-year party, CUNY Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York, May 2013

Presenter, Sexuality and the Hidden Self Symposium, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, March 2014

Producer + performer, *All You Need is Myth: An Immersive Journey Through the Mythology of the Beatles*, Somerville Theatre, Somerville, MA, February 2014

Featured reader, *The Incredible Sestina Anthology* release party, The Poet's House, New York, NY, February 2014

Invited author at the Creative Writing Program, the College of St. Rose, Albany, NY, January 2014

Invited author, First Fridays at The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library, Indianapolis, IN, January 2014

Actor, feature film, *TEN* (post-production), 2014

Invited author, Poetry Night Nantucket, Nantucket, MA, December 2013

Producer + performer, *The Sailor Moon Shoujo Spectacular*, Oberon, Cambridge, MA, December 2013 + 2014

Invited Performer, Loyola University Annual Poetry Event, Baltimore, MD, October 2013

Invited Performer, *Seersucker Live!*, Savannah, GA, October 2013

Producer, *Kissing Oscar Wilde: The Best Book Release Party Ever!*, Cambridge, MA 2013

Invited performer, Massachusetts College of Art, 2013

Member, Boston Poetry Slam Team, 2013

Performer, Write Bloody Press AWP All-Star Ridiculous Super Reading, Boston, 2013

Presenter, "The Revival of the Literary Salon" official panel, AWP Conference, 2013

Performer, *Beck's Song Reader*, Somerville Theatre, Somerville, MA, 2013

Performer, "Jack van Sly: the Fact Checker" at Encyclopedia Show: Somerville, MA, 2012-present

Producer, emcee, and featured performer, "Org: Last Day on Earth" Oberon, Cambridge, MA, 2012

Producer, Amethyst Arsenic Somerhouse Salon Series, Somerville, MA, 2012

Invited performer, *Massachusetts Poetry Festival*, main stage, Salem, MA, 2012 + 2014

Featured poet, *Seattle Poetry Slam*, Seattle, WA, 2012 + 2014

Featured poet, *Portland Poetry Slam*, Portland, OR, 2012 + 2014

Featured poet, *Eugene Poetry Slam*, Eugene, OR, 2012 + 2014

Featured poet, *Vancouver Poetry Slam*, Vancouver, Canada, 2012

Featured poet, *Barcelona Poetry Slam*, Barcelona, Spain, 2012

Featured poet, *Cafe Barones Poetry Series*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2012

Featured poet, *Slam Tribu*, Reims, France, 2012

Featured poet, *Downtown Cafe Poetry Series*, Paris, France, 2012

Producer + performer, *Everything Was Beautiful and Nothing Hurt: A Tribute to Kurt Vonnegut*, 2011

Teaching Experience and Selected Workshops

Invited artist/speaker, "Sexuality and Literature," Harvard University, July 2014

Guest teacher, poetry, performance, and memoir, College of St. Rose, Albany, NY January 2014

"Poetry and Pictures," The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA, 2012

"Introduction to Slam Poetry," 826 Boston, Boston, MA, 2012

Preemptive Education Conference, New York University, New York, NY, 2011

Andover Bread Loaf, Andover, MA, 2011

The Massachusetts Poetry Festival, Salem, MA, 2011

Honors and Awards

Finalist, *Kissing Oscar Wilde*, Bisexual Book Awards, 2014
Winner, Renaissance Award, Write Bloody Publishing, 2014
Honorable Mention, *Kissing Oscar Wilde*, New England Book Festival, 2014
Winner, Boston's Best Poet Boston Phoenix Poll, 2013
Grantee, Foundation for Contemporary Arts, New York, NY, 2012
Amethyst Arsenic Somerhouse Artist in Residence, Somerville, MA, 2012
Finalist, basalt Magazine Bunchgrass Poetry Prize, 2012
Runner-up, Science Fiction Poetry Association Long Form Poetry Contest, 2012
Finalist, Write Bloody Book Competition, 2012
Winner, "Kissing Oscar Wilde," Bayou Magazine Editor's Poetry Prize, 2011

References

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