

Marilyn Kiss **Miguel Algarín and Poetry**



Poetry as performance; poetry as something to be shared aloud; poetry as a necessary part of literary life. Poetry plus music...

My experiences at the Nuyorican Poets Cafe since I moved to NYC from Missouri decades ago have been inspiring, educational and have motivated me to work to make such opportunities available at colleges and art galleries on Staten Island. Miguel Algarín was what made it seem possible to promote poetry as an important part of our cultural lives.

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