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"We die. That may be the meaning of life. But we do language. That may be the measure of our lives."
- Toni Morrison

Writers, educators, feminists and New Yorkers, we celebrate the life and work of Toni Morrison (1931-2019). The first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize, Toni Morrison’s writing inspires compassion and ignites the imagination. We dedicate this evening to her well lived life.

Readers:
Penny Arcade, Helixx C. Armageddon, Stephanie Blanch, Jennifer Juneau, Susan Kirschbaum, Tamra Plotnick, Ilka Scobie, Victoria Simmons
Jennifer Juneau is the author of the novel ÜberChef USA, by Spork Press, and the poetry collection More Than Moon (Is A Rose Press.) Her work has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize, the Million Writers Award and the Best of the Net, and has appeared in A Gathering of the Tribes, Cincinnati Review, Columbia Journal,
Susan Kirschbaum is the author of a satirical fiction novel called Who Town, the story of a group of twenty-something aspiring artists in downtown NYC in the early Aughts that she is now developing for television. Before diving into fiction, Kirschbaum wrote and edited, as a journalist for various publications including the New York Times and the (pre Jared Kushner) NY Observer. Imagination and the human psyche continue to be her springboard.

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Native New Yorker Ilka Scobie is a poet and art writer who teaches poetry in the public school system. Recent work has appeared in Marie Claire Italia, London Artlyst, American Book Review and small press publications. Book publications include the anthology Resist Much/Obey Little, Flower Power Man, and Jews: A History of the Lower East Side. She is a deputy editor of Live Mag! a journal of poetry and art.

Tamra Plotnick is honored to read in this tribute to Toni Morrison. She teaches high school English and is transforming from a teacher who writes into a writer who teaches.

Victoria Simmons self published her first book of poems titled (D)ecomposition in the summer of 2018. Acclimating to her new home of Brooklyn after leaving New Orleans, Victoria has been quietly accumulating the inspiration for her most recent written and spoken word and is working towards a second publication. Every time a great poet graduates from this plain of existence, we are challenged to look deeper into the paths their lives have paved. Victoria is privileged to perform at the historic La MaMa Theater honoring the life of Toni Morrison.

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