The Multi-Talented Jen Karetnick
By Kavetchnik

Jen Karetnick is a woman of many talents: poet, writer, author, critic, and award-winning lit-crat. She is the founder and executive director of SWWIM (Supporting Women Writers in Miami), an organization dedicated to promoting women in the literary world. Jen is also the author of five poetry books, including The 500 Hidden Lenses (White Violet Press, 2014), which won second place in the Les Dames Book Award.

Jen began her career as a freelance food-travel-lifestyle journalist, and she continues to write for various publications, including WestJet Magazine. Her online portfolio is located at kavetchnik.com.

Jen has performed in an episode of Literary Death Match and been a juried poet for Houston Poetry Fest. She has also been awarded the 2011 "Piccolo in Your Pocket" Prize and the 2017 Laurel Review Midwest Chapbook Competition. Her poems have been nominated for five Pushcart Prizes and four Best of the Net Awards.

Jen has taught workshops for Miami Book Fair and Piano Slam. She has been an Artist-in-Residence in the International Inn and Hostel in Fort Collins, Colorado; and the University of Florida, 2014, which won second place in the Les Dames Book Award.

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Do you agree that journalism is an art form?

I know many writers who are also professionals in other fields.

Tell us about the book of your poetry that you expect to publish in 2023.