
PEN American Center's
Open Book Committee Presents:

**THE LANGUAGE OF EXPERIENCE:
CELEBRATING WRITERS OF COLOR**

The 2007 PEN/Beyond Margins Awards

FEATURING:

**Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Ernest Hardy,
Harryette Mullen, and Alberto Ríos**

HOSTED BY:

JAIME MANRIQUE & SONIA SANCHEZ

WITH SPECIAL GUEST READERS:

ADAM HASLETT, MARIE PONSOT, AND MONIQUE TRUONG

Monday, October 15, 2007 7:00-9:00 pm
Donnell Library Center
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New York City

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Jaime Manrique is a poet, novelist, essayist, journalist, and translator who has written extensively both in English and Spanish. Manrique was born in Colombia. His first volume of poetry received Colombia's National Poetry Award for 1975; he has gone on to write/edit more than fifteen works translated into many languages. He has received grants from the Foundation for Contemporary Performance Arts, the New York Foundation for the Arts in Fiction, and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship.

Sonia Sanchez is the author of more than a dozen books of poetry, including *Shake Loose My Skin: New and Selected Poems*, *Like the Singing Coming Off the Drums: Love Poems*, and *Does your house have lions?*, which was nominated for both the NAACP Image and National Book Critics Circle Award. She is also the author of over a dozen other works, including plays and books for children. She lives in Philadelphia.

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