



## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT *Jasminne Mendez*



Jasminne Mendez is a best-selling Dominican-American poet, educator, translator, playwright and award winning author of several books for children and adults. She has had poetry and essays published in numerous journals and anthologies and she is the author of two multi-genre collections including *Island of Dreams* (Floricanto Press, 2013) which won an International Latino Book Award. Her debut poetry collection *City Without Altar* was a finalist for the Noemi Press poetry prize and was released in August 2022 (Noemi Press) and her debut middle grade novel in verse *Aniana del Mar Jumps In* (Dial)

is forthcoming in 2023. Her debut picture book *Josefina's Habichuelas* (Arte Publico Press, 2021) was the Writer's League of Texas Children's Book Discovery Prize Winner. Jasminne has translated the work of New York Times best-selling authors Amanda Gorman and Calibrel Ortega and the Houston Grand Opera. She is an MFA graduate of the creative writing program at the Pacific Lutheran University and a University of Houston alumni. Jasminne is the Program Director for the literary arts nonprofit Tintero Projects and teaches creative writing for Goddard College. She lives and works in Houston, TX.

**Finalist**  
Artist of the Year 2022

**COMPASSION**  
Through The ARTS



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Islands Apart: Becoming Dominican-American** - Reading and Book Signing  
OCTOBER 1, 2022 @1:00 PM - SOUTH HOUSTON BRANCH LIBRARY
- **City Without Altar** - Reading and Book Signing for Latinx Heritage Month Celebration  
OCTOBER 6, 2022 @4:00 PM - UH DOWNTOWN
- **Josefina's Habichuelas and Islands Apart** - Reading and Book Signing  
NOVEMBER 4-6 - TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

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