

# A Toast in Your House

## A Tribute to Akilah Oliver

Please join us from 8-10pm

### APRIL 8

for a memorial reading to  
celebrate the life and work of  
Akilah Oliver

**Outer Space Studio**  
1474 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
Chicago, IL

near CTA Damen blue line  
third floor walk up  
not wheelchair accessible

Co-presented by  
the Midwest Naropa Writers  
& Red Rover Series

Hosted by Rebecca George  
and Luis Humberto Valadez

#### Readers will include:

Adrienne Dodt

Krista Franklin

Jenny Henry

Jennifer Karmin  
w/ dancer J'Sun Howard

John Keene

Kevin Kilroy

Marie Larson

Todd McCarty

Marissa Perel

#### \$4 suggested donation

All funds will be donated to assist the  
Oliver family with the costs associated  
with Akilah's departure and to keep  
her work alive!

more info at:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/redroverseries>



Akilah Oliver was a poet, a dedicated teacher, and an inspiration to the lives she touched. Her books include *An Arriving Guard of Angels, Thusly Coming to Greet* (Farfalla, McMillan & Parrish, 2004), *The Putterer's Notebook* (Belladonna, 2006), *a(A)ugust* (Yo-Yo Labs, 2007), and *A Toast In The House of Friends* (Coffee House, 2009).

She taught poetry in New York at The New School, Pratt Institute and The Poetry Project. She also taught at Naropa University's Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics.

We will remember her warmly, in a house of friends, with our words.