

# Palabras Vitales: Latiné Poetry Series

**Santa Barbara Poet Laureate: Melinda Palacio**

**Wednesday, September 18th**

**1:00pm-2:00pm @ Calden Overlook**



Melinda Palacio is the City of Santa Barbara's Poet Laureate. She has received the Mariposa Award for Best First Novel at the International Latino Book Awards, the PEN Oakland Josephine Miles award for Excellence in Literature, the Paterson Prize, and the First Prize in Poetry at the 2013 International Latino Book Awards.

Melinda currently writes a poetry column for the Santa Barbara Independent and has been a regular contributor to La Bloga.com for over a decade.



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