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Noveltown and Poets & Writers Co-Sponsor 'Stories from Dust'

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Bakersfield - Noveltown with a generous grant from Co-Sponsor, *Poets & Writers* (www.pw.org), have gathered some of the finest Central Valley literary and poetry talent in an event highlighted by music, storytelling and poetry. Artist **Tim Z. Hernandez**, author of **Heyday Books Valley Writer Series, Skin Tax** will be headlining the event with his atmospheric storytelling and poetry (purchasing **Skin Tax** from Russo's help fund the event).

'**Stories from Dust**' will be held **7-9pm June 28th** at **Russo's Books** at the Marketplace and features not only readings and storytelling from Tim Z. Hernandez, but storytelling and music from Matt Munoz and members of the big band Latino-inspired sounds of Mento Buru. Munoz' rich vocal, sax and percussion talent will be richly woven into the quaint atmosphere of Russo's in a unique experience of music and stories. He will be accompanied by special guests as they perform and reminisce about growing up as musicians in the Southern Central Valley.

'**Stories from Dust**' also includes storytelling by author N.L. Belardes from his 9-11 inspired true-to-life Chicano fiction, **Thick White Crust**, members of the Russo's Poetry Group who wrote the collaborative book, **On Any Given Wednesday**, and special guest poets.

The event also acts as an unofficial debut for Cerro Coso's **Metamorphoses** literary and art journal, featuring **Pinay** by N.L. Belardes, Matildakay and more. The event is also supported by **MÁS magazine** (masbakersfield.com) and **Bakotopia** (bakotopia.com).

"'Stories from Dust' is Noveltown's first event that includes poets, acclaimed local music, a great family-owned bookstore and storytelling from the heart of the Central Valley," says Noveltown publicist, Melody Saberon. "This is the first of many community literary events to come."

Noveltown (www.noveltown.net) *publishes 1-3 books per year, has a new website with a new look, and is proud to be working towards leading the way in publishing in the Southern Central Valley...* Noveltown will also be the exclusive media at the upcoming **Yosemite Writers Conference** (yosemitewriters.com).

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