

First Draft Writers' Series welcomes John C. Morrison



John C. Morrison is the Up Next featured writer at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

Open Mic also returns to the Pendleton Center for the Arts

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton Center for the Arts will again welcome authors for its First Draft Writers' Series.

This monthly gathering happens on the third Thursday of each month. Attendance is free.

The next First Draft is Thursday, July 15, at the center's Pearson Auditorium, 214 N. Main St.

It begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The First Draft Writers' Series facilitates conversations about community and regional issues while highlighting their Up Next

featured writer.

This month, poet and author John C. Morrison stops by the center. The Portland-based Morrison is an associate fellow at the Attic Institute of Arts and Letters.

His first book, "Heaven of the Moment," won the Rhea & Seymour Gorsline poetry competition and was a finalist for the Oregon Book Award in Poetry.

His most recent work, "Monkey Island," was published by La Grande-based Redbat Books as a part of their Pacific Writers Series.

OPEN MIC

Open Mic is a feature of each First Draft Writers' Series, and this month will return to in-person readings.

Local emerging writers are given three to five minutes to share pieces of their choosing.

According to the center's

website, notices about upcoming featured readers will be accompanied by a question or theme the audience and Open Mic readers are asked to consider.

Themes will be inspired by the featured writers' work. Look for themes or questions on the center's website, <https://pendletonarts.org/first-draft/>, and on social media, including "The First Draft Writers' Series" on Facebook.

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