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CultureTalk

JOY HARJO & JENNY L. DAVIS in Conversation



Joy Harjo



Jenny L. Davis

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 P.M.

**Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
Foellinger Great Hall**

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Joy Harjo was the 23rd United States Poet Laureate, the first Native American to hold the position, and only the second person to serve three terms in the role. An internationally renowned performer and writer of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, she is the author of ten books of poetry, several plays and children's books, and two memoirs. In 2024, Harjo was awarded the Frost Medal for distinguished lifetime achievement in poetry.

Jenny L. Davis is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and an associate professor of anthropology and American Indian Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where she is the director of the American Indian Studies Program and co-director of the Center for Indigenous Science. She is the co-editor of the *Studies in Language and Gender* series at Oxford University Press.

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