

## C O N T R I B U T E R S

**Vince Bauters** is good at staying up late. Probably because he has a heart of improvised jazz. He literally hangs onto quarter notes. He doesn't play the popular stuff or any ballads. Just the stuff that raises your blood pressure.

**Rachel Custer** is a creative writing student who dreams of one day graduating from college and then moving on to more schooling. She is fairly certain her income will provide an accurate approximation of the poverty line for at least the next decade. She loves to drive fast while playing loud music.

**Eric Duenez** is not responsible for lost or stolen items. He enjoys Nine Inch Nails and Heineken and believes war should be fought with Jager-bombs instead of dirty bombs or smart bombs. He currently holds over 130 top scores on the Megatouch at the Dandelion Bar in his hometown of Plymouth. Hi, Poem.

**Danl DuRall** is a bubble that was accidentally released from a basin of pre-creation deep within the universe and far beyond time. He now floats unguided through fathoms of that which he does not belong. Every once in a while he grazes against little spheres of matter and lives a life or two of its sentients before sliding past and floating on. He spends the duration of his sojourn thinking about what he has experienced, what he has gained, and what he needs to let go. Now, from deep within the flow of time, he feels as if he is gaining momentum towards some unknown source, and contemplates if an accident can arise from the hands of fate.

**Chad Forbregd** is at best a writer, antagonist, blogger and prevailer of all that is irrelevant. He enjoys happy little trees, being mistaken for an illegitimate love child, selling friend's items on E-Bay and was recently honored with the prestigious "Worst Super-Hero Moniker" award. He currently resides deep within the sandy pages of kitschy romance novels.

**Naoko Fujimoto** is an international student from Nagoya, Japan. Recent poems are forthcoming in *Puerto del Sol* and weekly columns in *The Preface*. Her current favorite word is “spatula” - she found seventeen spatulas in her apartment; none of them are from her purchase - but she is not an admitted spatula collector or detective of all seventeen spatulas.

**Eric Gingerich** is a writer in love with the possibility of imagination: He is currently playing with the idea of moving to and living in Denmark. He tends to feel small, even in a small town, but realizes this is merely the consequence of living in a universe full of immense ideas. He plans to never stop writing.

**Amy Irons** has a small farm in Goshen, IN where she resides with her wonderful partner of 7 years and a plethora of furry and feathered animals. She enjoys photography, films, music, art and studying Tibetan Buddhism. Amy is majoring in English Literature and Writing.

**Kasey Kasa** is a graduating English major with an undecided future. Her compulsion to write is both a cathartic act of self-expression and an obsessive quest to put the chaos on paper and thus gain some self-control. Her life is her notebook: Wide-ruled and spiral-bound.

**Neil Kelly** was the 2007 Wolfson Award winner for fiction. His work has appeared in MARGIE and has been a frequent contributor to Paisley Parsley's Parcel Post (P4). When not writing poetry and fiction, he suffers through the long summers watching Chicago Cubs baseball. You can find more of his nonsensical writings at [turdslinger.blogspot.com](http://turdslinger.blogspot.com) or [neilmkelly.blogspot.com](http://neilmkelly.blogspot.com)

**Charmi Keranen** lives and writes on a reservation of land between Devil Creek and No Wing, where she likes to feed the birds.

**Rosalinda Leyva** is a current graduate student at IUSB and enjoys writing poetry and short fiction in her spare time in addition to playing soccer and tennis. Her motto for living is a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt: “You must do the thing you think you cannot do!”

**Jason Overholt** lives on a cattle ranch in Bristol, Indiana. Whenever he gets sick of being artsy, he just pops open a beer, moseys to the barn, and relaxes to the comforting sound of his cowboy friends making fun of him. His only real interest is writing, so he's made his peace with that whole “poverty” thing.

**Stephanie Pairitz** is an English graduate of IUSB, returning to earn her Secondary Education Degree and hopefully, a Masters of English degree. Stephanie has been a professional dancer, a dance instructor, a dance studio owner, and a choreographer for most of her adult life. She is now transitioning to a career as a writer, and English teacher.

**Rebecca Pelky** has spent most of her adult life at a zoo with some amazing animals (human and otherwise!). Her favorite words are ubiquitous, sanguine, and spurious, which coincidentally also apply to her theories on life, love, and politics, respectively. She's a Yooper, a dreamer, and maybe even a writer.

**Talia Reed** will graduate this May with a degree in Secondary Education in English Language Arts. She recently completed her student teaching experience in a tiny high school in rural Indiana where the FFA wears t-shirts that read, "Country Boys and Girls Gettin' Down on the Farm," and students sometimes drove their tractors to school. Her poems have appeared or are forthcoming in Avatar Review, Blue Fifth Review, Wicked Alice, Main Street Rag, and The Tusculum Review.

In an alternate world **Jerron Robinson** was born into a happy family; a dad who was there, a loving mom, siblings he was close to, and friends aplenty. His dreams and aspirations were recognized. He shared his artistic talents without apprehension or fear. But this is the real, actual world he's living in. The inverse.

**Ryan Smith** is an English undergrad hoping to pursue a Poetry MFA. He enjoys the great indoors, sitting quietly in the back of the class, sushi, and on occasion writing poetry so that he may continue to think of himself as an artist.

**Jeffrey Tatay** enjoys traveling and exploring nature. He is fascinated with the elements of the great outdoors (animals, oceans, mountains, forests, outdoor sports etc.) When he is not doing something physically active, he enjoys reading and writing. Jeff finds inspiration and enlightenment in nature and creation.