

Alurista to read poetry

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San Diego's own Alurista will read from his works at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, in the Revelle Formal Lounge at the University of California, San Diego.

His poems, which he calls "recitals," are strongly influenced by his sense of Chicano culture and heritage, and appear in every major anthology of Chicano literature.

Alurista has been involved in the teaching of Chicano literature around the country and has presented his poetry on radio and television. He is the author of "Floricanto En Aztlan," "Nationchild Plumaroja" and "Timespace Huracan" as well as a play, "Dawn."

Juan Gomez, writing in the preface to "Floricanto En Aztlan," says of Alurista's work, "...poetry is consciousness, spoken in beauty, our consciousness as the poetry of Alurista attests, is the realization of our social and historical reality."

Alurista has been a Chicano studies lecturer at San Diego State University and the University of Texas at Austin, and is currently a graduate student at the University of California, San Diego.

The New Poetry Series is sponsored by the Archive for New Poetry, the Departments of Literature and Visual Arts and the University Events Office. All readings are taped and become a part of the Archive located on the eighth floor of the UC San Diego Central University Library.

All readings are free and open to the public. For more information about the series or about listening to poetry tapes, telephone: Michael Davidson, Special Collections, 452-2533.

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