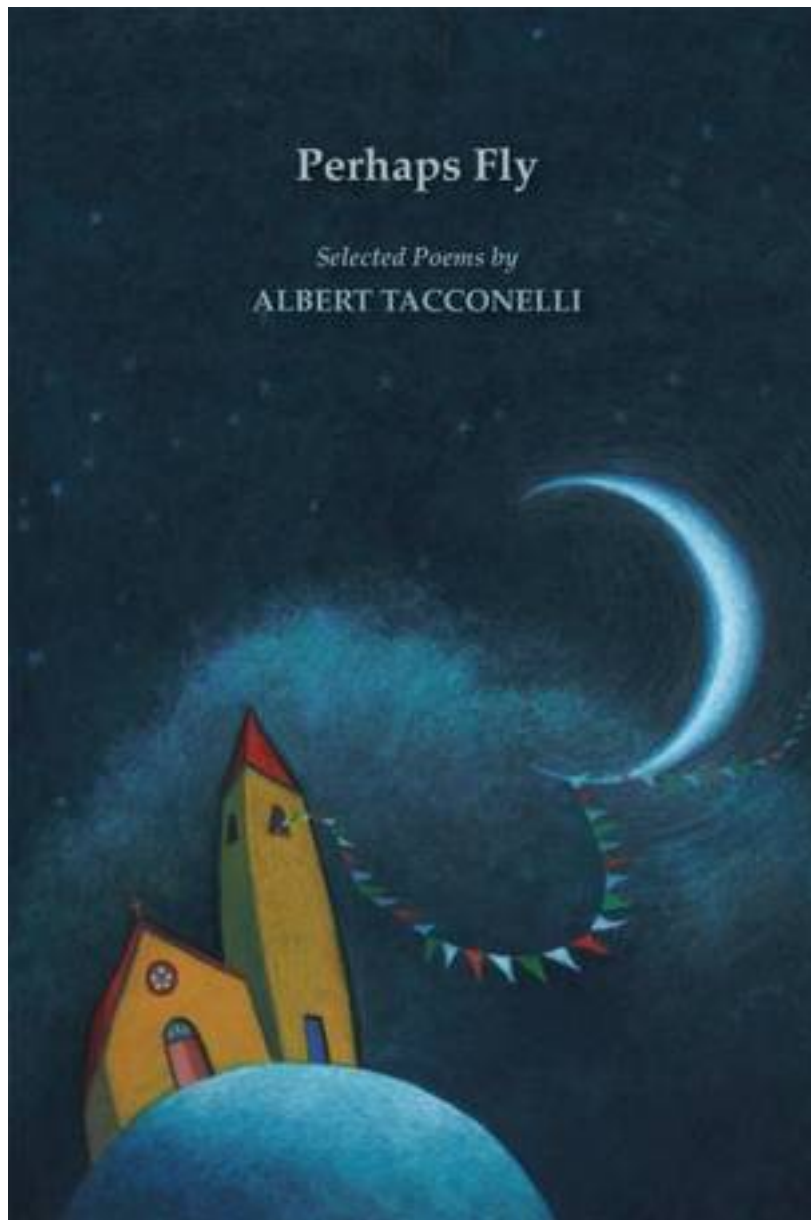




**iIWA-West presents Amy Barone and Al Taconelli on Saturday, March 14 2015 at Cornelia St. Cafe**

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The Italian American Writers Association (iIWA) presents Philadelphia-bred authors Amy Barone and poet and artist, Al Taconelli on Saturday, March 14 at Cornelia St. Café, 29 Cornelia St. in New York City's Greenwich Village, [www.corneliastreetcafe.com](http://www.corneliastreetcafe.com); or 212-989-9319. Readings begin with an



Open Mic followed by featured readers and book sales.

Amy Barone's new chapbook, *Kamikaze Dance* ([Finishing Line Press](#) [2]; FLP). She was recognized as a finalist in FLP's New Women's Voices Chapbook Competition. Her poetry has appeared in print and online in [CityLitRag](#) [3], [First Literary Review-East](#) [4], [Gradiva](#) [5], [Impolite Conversation](#) [6], Three Rooms Press' [Maintenant](#), [7] [Philadelphia Poets](#) [8] and [The Rutherford Red Wheelbarrow](#), [9] among others. Her first chapbook, *Views from the Driveway* (Foothills Publishing, 2008). Barone spent five years as a correspondent in Milan for *Women's Wear Daily* and *Advertising Age*. She is a board member of the [Italian American Writers Association](#) [10] (IAWA) and co-curates and promotes IAWA's monthly readings on 2nd Saturdays in New York City. She is a professional member of [PEN America Center](#) [11] and belongs to the [Brevitas](#) [12] online poetry circle. A native of Bryn Mawr, PA, Barone lives in New York City. For a recent interview with Barone, visit [At the Inkwell](#). [13]

Artist and poet, Albert Tacconelli's latest poetry collection, *Perhaps Fly* ([Bordighera Press](#) [14]) is preceded by two chapbooks: *Two Countries One Heart*, *The Laurenzi Poems*, *Short Stack*, and *That One Pure Time*. His work has appeared in [Paterson Literary Review](#), [15] *Philadelphia Poets*, *Endicott Review*, [Mad Poets Review](#) [16], *VIA*, [Avanti Popolo: Italian-Americans Writers Sailing Beyond Columbus](#), [17] and *Fourteenth Poetry Ink Anniversary Anthology*. His artwork is included in the permanent collection of contemporary art at Passaic County Community College; he has exhibited at [The Philadelphia Sketch Club](#), [18] *Mariani Italian American Museum and Institute*, and [Galleria Artemisia](#) [19]. Tacconelli won Honorable Mention in Ohio Poetry Association's Summer Solstice Contest; runner up in Philadelphia Poets First Annual John And Rose Petracca & Family Award; and received the [Allen Ginsberg Poetry Contest](#) [20] Editor's Choice and Honorable Mention. He lives in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

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The Italian American Writers Association ([www.iawa.net](http://www.iawa.net) [21]) Literary Readings is the longest running literary series at the Cornelia St. Cafe. Since 1991, IAWA has given voice to writers through its literary series every second Saturday of the month. IAWA East is held even months at Sidewalk Café and IAWA West continues at Cornelia Street Café on odd months.

Event kicks off with Open Mic readings of five minutes.



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## Next Readings

April 11: Anthony D'Aries and Julia Lisella @ Sidewalk Café  
May 9: Gil Fagiani and Stephen Siciliano @ Cornelia St. Café  
June 13: **Susan Lembo Balik** and **George Guida** @ Sidewalk Café  
July 11: **Joseph Luzzi** and **Fred Misurella** @ Cornelia St. Café  
August 8: **Louisa Calio** and **Carole Giagrande** @ Sidewalk Café

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DIRECTIONS: By Subway, A, B, C, D, E, F, and M to West 4th St. or 1 to Christopher St.-Sheridan Square

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