

## L.J. SYSKO

### BIO (220 WORDS) – for event introductions

L.J. Sysko is the author of two books of poems, including her debut full-length collection *THE DAUGHTER OF MAN* (forthcoming March '23, University of Arkansas Press), which was a 2023 Miller Williams Poetry Series finalist selected by Patricia Smith, and *BATTLEDORE* (Finishing Line Press), a chapbook about early motherhood. Sysko's poems have been anthologized in *BEST NEW POETS* and *LET ME SAY THIS: A Dolly Parton Poetry Anthology* (forthcoming Feb. '23, Madville Publishing) and have appeared in publications such as *Ploughshares*, *The Missouri Review's "Poem of the Week,"* and *Mississippi Review*, among others. An MFA in poetry from New England College, a Virginia Center for Creative Arts Fellow, and a 2022 Palm Beach Poetry Festival Thomas Lux Scholar, Sysko has received several Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg awards, an Academy of American Poets prize, two fellowships from Delaware's Division of the Arts, and finalist recognition from many independent publishers. Sysko's prose was honorably mentioned by Zoetrope's *All Story*, judged by novelist Anthony Marra, and received finalist recognition from *The Bellingham Review* Annie Dillard Award for Creative Nonfiction and *The Pinch* Literary Awards. A former high school English teacher and department chair, Sysko is now Director of Executive Communications at Delaware State University and serves as a member of the Delaware State Arts Council. You can learn more about her online at [ljsysko.com](http://ljsysko.com).

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