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And what more is there in life and what more could you possibly want....
We'll tell you what.

"Poetry is not a luxury" The act of writing is a necessary act of resistance to the generally accepted myths about who we are as women of color. It is an act of self determination. Each word, each story, each poem a triumphant proclamation of the truth. It is this gift of truth that we give to ourselves and to our mothers and sisters and daughters and grandmothers and great, great grandmothers and to you. - E.N.O.

Staged by Martin Hernandez and Maria Cabildo

Maria de G. Cabildo - born and raised in East L.A., educated in both barrio schools and East Coast Colleges. She is the Beyond Baroque recipient of a UCLA Extension Writers Program Community Access Scholarship.

Adela Carrasco - born in L.A., raised in San Jose, has resided in Palo Alto, Berkeley, San Francisco, Long Beach. Now resides in Silverlake. Likes dark chocolate, Apocalypse Now, and assorted legal and illegal substances. Gemini downtown corporate attorney.

Frankie Estrada - 31 years old, Frankie (Francisca Anita Hernandez) Estrada was born and raised in East L.A. and went to Catholic schools for 12 years. She now resides in the San Gabriel Valley. Frankie began writing as part of therapy. She has a beautiful and smart 7 year old daughter named Delilah.

Liz Gonzalez - born and raised in the Inland Empire city of Rialto. Went to both Cal Jams and US Festivals, cholas wanted to kick her ass for being a coconut. Mary Magdalene is her role model. Liz is also an actress and performance artist.

Catherine M. Loya - was born in Riverside, California. She received her degree in Political Science from the University of California, Riverside, and her law degree from Stanford University. Presently she is a public interest attorney in Los Angeles.

Evangeline Ordaz - born in White Memorial Hospital in Boyle Heights in 1964, she is the reincarnation of a persecuted activist. Raised in every conceivable place on earth. Disguised as an attorney she forments unrest out of the Legal Aid Office in East L.A.

Michele Marie Serros - born and raised in Oxnard, California, named after the Beatles song, got a C+ in high school Spanish, finishing first book to be published this summer by Lalo Press, titled "Chicana Falsa: and Other Stories of Death, Identity and Oxnard."