



**Susana Rinderle** is a Los Angeles native who has called Albuquerque home since 2002. She has been a poet, writer, musician and songwriter since childhood. She won a poetry competition at age 17 and her winning piece was published, but she didn't start performing spoken word until her 40's. She began competing in Albuquerque poetry slams in 2013. That year she placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the city championship and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Women of the World local qualifying competition.

Susana believes poetry is a vital force for social and personal change, and is grateful for its unique power to give voice and bring healing. Her work typically focuses on romantic and family relationships, identity and womanhood. She has been described by audience members as “intense yet uplifting”, “indignant”, “healing”, “hopeful” and “giving voice to women’s issues we can relate to, in a positive way”.

You can read Susana’s work in the *Malpais Review*, two editions of *Catching Calliope*, and at [www.purplelyrics.org](http://www.purplelyrics.org).