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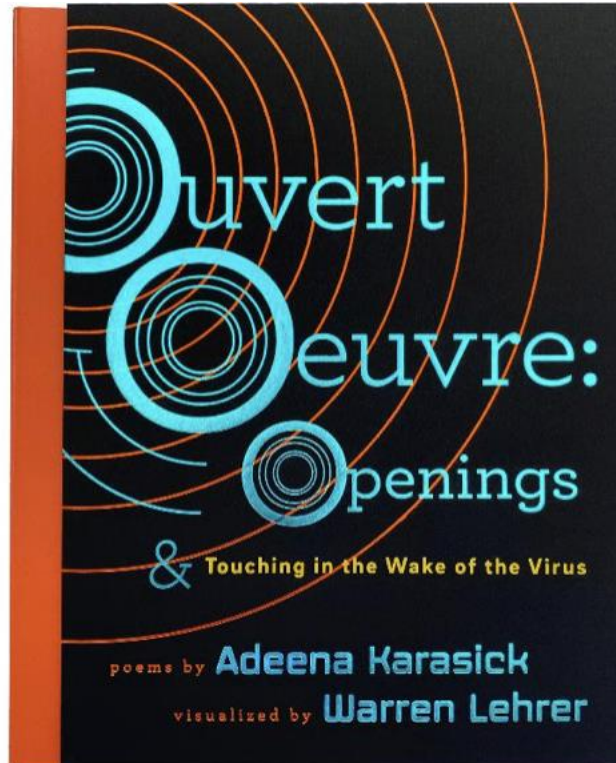
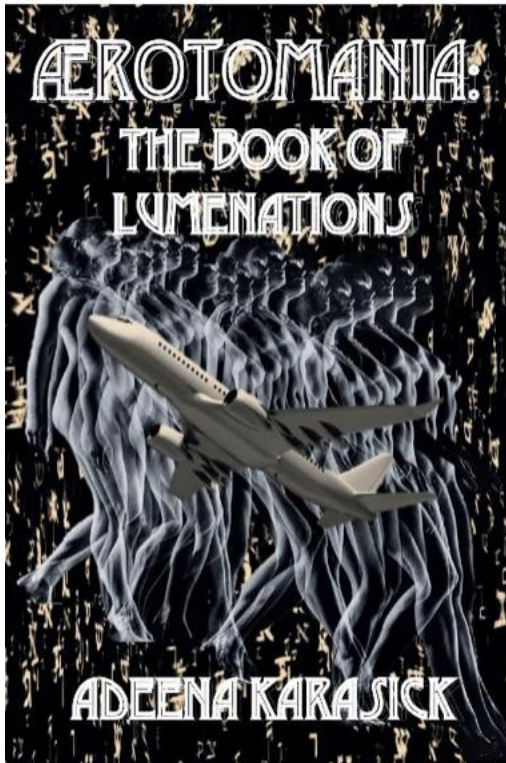
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## Introduction to Special Review Section of The Poetry of Adeena Karasick

Robert K. Logan, Editor

This special review section devoted to the poetry of Adeena Karasick will focus on the recent release of two of her books of poetry, namely *Ouvert Oeuvre Openings and Aerotomania: The Book of Lamentations*. It will include excerpts from and reviews of these two book and some background material on the poetic works of Adeena.



We begin with some background information about Adeena:

### Bio and Publications of Adeena Karasick

Adeena Karasick, Ph.D, is a New York based Jewish poet, performer, filmmaker, cultural theorist and media artist and the author of 14 books of poetry and poetics. Her Kabbalistically inflected, urban, Jewish feminist mashups have been described as “electricity in language” (Nicole Brossard), “proto-ecstatic jet-propulsive word torsion” (George Quasha), noted for their “cross-fertilization of punning and knowing, theatre and theory” (Charles Bernstein) “a twined virtuosity of mind and ear which leaves the reader deliciously lost in Karasick’s signature ‘syllabic labyrinth’” (Craig Dworkin); “demonstrating how desire flows through language, an unstoppable flood of allusion (both literary and pop-cultural), word-play, and extravagant and outrageous sound-work.” (Mark Scroggins). *Massaging the Medium: 7 Pechakuchas*, (The Institute of General Semantics Press: 2022), shortlisted for Outstanding Book of the Year Award (ICA, 2023) and winner of the 2023 Susanne K. Langer Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the

Ecology of Symbolic Form. (MEA), *Checking In* (Talonbooks, 2018) and *Salomé: Woman of Valor* (University of Padova Press, Italy, 2017), the libretto for her Spoken Word opera; *Salomé: Woman of Valor CD*, (NuJu Records, 2020), and *Salomé Birangona*, translation into Bengali (Boibhashik Prokashoni Press, Kolkata, 2020). Karasick teaches Literature and Critical Theory for the Humanities and Media Studies Dept. at Pratt Institute, is Poetry Editor for *Explorations in Media Ecology*, Associate International Editor of *New Explorations: Studies in Culture and Communication*, 2021 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Award recipient and winner of the Voce Donna Italia award for her contributions to feminist thinking, and has just been appointed Poet Laureate of the Institute of General Semantics. The “Adeena Karasick Archive” is established at Special Collections, Simon Fraser University. Hot off the press is *Ærotomania: The Book of Lumenations*, and *Ouvert: Oeuvre: Openings*, (Lavender Ink Press, 2023) and *Eicha: The Book of Lumenations* film, NuJu Films, NY, 2023.

## Books

- *Ærotomania Flight Deck*, NuJu Books, New York, 2023.
- *Ærotomania: The Book of Lumenations*, Lavender Ink, New Orleans, 2023.
- *Ouvert: Oeuvre: Openings*, (Lavender Ink, New Orleans, 2023).
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- *Salomé: Woman of Valor*, translation into Bengali (trans. Aritra Sanyal and Paulami Sengupta), Boibhashik Prokashoni Press, Kolkata, 2020.
- *Checking In*, Talonbooks: Vancouver, 2018.
- *Salomé: Woman of Valor* (libretto), Gap Riot Press, Eds. Kate Siklosi and Dani Spinosa, Toronto, 2017.
- *Salomé: Woman of Valor / Salomé: Donna di Valore* (in dual edition of English and Italian, trans. Pina Piccolo and Serena Piccoli), University of Padova Press, CLEUP: Italy, 2017.
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- , Eicha I Video, *Chant de la Sirène the Journal*, Ed. Laura Hinton, Spring, 2022.
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For more details of Adeena's latest two books of poetry *Ouvert Oeuvre Openings* and *Aerotomania: The Book of Lamentations* reader might wish to look at these links:

<http://www.aerotomania.com>

<https://warrenlehrer.com/ouvert-oeuvre-openings-2023/>

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