

# 1045

elmwood gallery for the arts



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1045 Elmwood Gallery for the Arts Hosts Original Poetry and Music Night with Poet Perry Nicholas and Singer/Songwriter Maria Sebastian

Featured Artwork by Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society

Perry Nicholas and Maria Sebastian will perform original poetry and music along with guest readers in an intimate exhibition space and studio.

**DATE:** May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm  
**BRING:** A Dish to Share **OR** Pay \$5 to Enjoy Pass-Arounds  
**WHERE:** **1045 Elmwood Ave. at Bird Avenue. Next to Poster Art**

**SCHEDULE:**

7:00-7:30: Enjoy a bite and socialize upstairs on beautiful balcony / explore gift shop  
7:30-8:10: Music (Maria Sebastian solo / acoustic)  
8:15-8:45: Poetry (Perry Nicholas and Friends)

**ABOUT 1045 ELMWOOD GALLERY FOR THE ARTS:**

Experience church-like acoustics throughout what has formerly been a private home, an Orthodox synagogue, and a spiritualist church. Current owner, Don Zintek, is enthusiastic to invite others to share this space, "We look to develop relationships with existing artists as well as inviting new artists to join our movement to bring the Arts to the public."

**PERRY NICHOLAS** has read original, award-winning poetry at Cornelia Café in Greenwich Village, NY as well as in Woodstock, NY, and at Burchfield Penney Arts Center. He has hosted some of WNY's most successful poetry series and produced 5 full-length books, 4 chapbooks, and one CD, to date. He is an Associate Professor at ECC's north campus in Williamsville. Visit: [www.perrynicholas.com](http://www.perrynicholas.com) for more.

**MARIA SEBASTIAN** has opened for dozens of national acts including Roger McGuinn and Richie Havens, and toured with 10,000 Maniacs as backup singer / acoustic guitarist in 2011. She has won 15 (mostly WNY) music awards, including local album of the year for her CD *Yellow Envelope* (Buffalo Spree Magazine, 2009). She teaches English at Erie and Niagara County Community Colleges. Visit: [www.mariasebastian.com](http://www.mariasebastian.com) for more.

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