I invited Sasquatch to seder
he said
"Don't you think I'll
weird people out
what with all the fur
and the big feet?"

I answered
"Nah
we're Reform..."

Rick Lupert

"I know of no other poet able to establish intimacy with the reader as fast as Rick Lupert."

~ Brendan Constantine, much sought after Los Angeles poet

"Easily one of the funniest poetry hosts in America."

~ Buddy Wakefield, highly lauded touring performance poet

"Rick Lupert is a treasure. His poetry surprises us with a unique perspective that is both tender and wise. In a live environment I find Rick delightfully funny and arrestingly poignant."

~ Dan Nichols, touring Jewish Rock and Roll Artist

"Rick Lupert is a writer's chef."

~ Derrick Brown, beloved performance poet/founder of Write Bloody Press

"Rick has a voice and style of his own. His take on life will show you things you have never seen or imagined before!"

~ Craig Taubman, pioneer of Jewish music and community

Rick Lupert

For many people in today's fast paced digital culture, poetry is something to study and analyze, only to stuff back into a drawer and go about real life. Inspired to bring "the Barbaric Yawp" to everyday life and make poetry relevant again, Rick Lupert's work has become cherished for innovating poetic tradition and craft into poetry-to-go, poetry of the moment, full of liveliness, sense of place, comedy, tragedy, and an uncanny depth of enlightenment about the human condition It's poetry for people who think poetry is dead.

A four-time Pushcart Prize Nominee, Rick Lupert has collaborated in live performance with mavens of Jewish music including Craig Taubman, Dan Nichols, Danny Maseng, and more. He is the author of 28 books of poems including "God Wrestler: A Poem for Every Torah Portion", "I'm a Jew Are You" and "Feeding Holy Cats". He is also the editor of three poetry anthologies including "A Poet's Haggadah - Passover Through the Eyes of Poets." Involved in the Los Angeles poetry community since 1990, he served for two years as co-director of the Valley Contemporary Poets and is the founder of Poetry Super Highway, one of the internet's most extensive poetry resources. His poetry has appeared in numerous magazines and literary journals, including *The CCAR Journal, The Los Angeles Jewish Journal, The Blue Jew Yorker, The Los Angeles Times, Rattle, Chiron Review, Red Fez, Zuzu's Petals, The Bicycle Review, Caffeine Magazine,* and *Blue Satellite*.

Rick performs his poetry at a range of cultural and academic venues throughout the United States and abroad.

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The Poet
got up to read
took off all his clothes
read
naked
I could tell right away
he wasn't Jewish

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Selected Jewish Engagements

Rick has been a Featured Performer and/or workshop leader at:

- Limmud, England (Limmud is one of the premier alternative Jewish conferences with branches all over the world.)
- URJ Biennial, San Diego, CA (December, 2013)
- Friday Night Live at Sinai Temple, Los Angeles
- Friday Night Live Birthday Service at the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre
- "Spavuot" Workshop Leader - Adult Retreat at the Shalom Institute in Malibu, California (part of the "Big Jewish Tent" series.)
- "Jews and Humor" at the "One Shabbat Morning" Service at Adat Ari El Synagogue in Studio City, California.
- URJ Kalsman's Institute Tribute to Debbie Friedman at the Brandeis Bardin Institute.
- "The Downtown Seder" at the New Pico Union Project in Downtown, L.A.
- URJ Camp Swig in Saratoga, California - Poetry Workshop Teacher
- Hillels at Pierce and Valley Colleges (Los Angeles) and U.C. San Diego
- Hava Nashira Jewish Music Educator's Workshop
- Synagogues including Am Shalom (Glenco, IL), Congregation Rodef Shalom (San Rafael, CA), Temple De Hirsch Sinai (Seattle, WA), B'nai Vail (Vail, Colorado), Temple Chai (Phoenix, AZ), Brooklyn Heights Synagogue (Brooklyn, NY), Ahavat Shalom (Northridge, CA) and more!

Other Appearances

Rick has performed at dozens of other venues including UCLA, Moorpark College, Loyola Marymount College, Loyola Law School, Gatsby's Books, The L.A. Spoken, Poetry In Motion, Valley Contemporary Poets, The Lightbulb Mouth Radio Hour, Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center and many more.

Poetry

All Jewish Poetry
https://www.JewishPoetry.net/

Matzah
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HojxBTxsk0U

How I Met My Mothers (With Dan Nichols)
https://youtu.be/_bmnkKzxLng

Vayera / Here I Am
http://youtu.be/DJcgObP9bDA

Booking

Rick is available to come to your community to:
Give a Poetry Reading • Lead a Poetry Writing Workshop
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