

**Steve Almond in Maine**  
**Two Prose Workshops**  
Saturday, March 10

**How to Make Your Prose Sing (and Why It Should)**

*12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

- MWPA Member \$55**
- Nonmember \$100**

**How to Use Your Obsessions to Jumpstart Your Writing**

*3:30 pm to 6:30 pm*

- MWPA Member \$55**
- Nonmember \$100**

**SAVE 15% by taking both workshops!**

- Both workshops for members \$94**
- Both workshops for nonmembers \$170**

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**THE WORKSHOPS**

**How to Make Your Prose Sing (and Why It Should)**

*12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

The best moments in our prose are ones in which the language rises into the lyric register—aspire to song. In this workshop, we'll look at the work of Tobias Wolff, Joyce Carol Oates, Frank O'Connor and others in an effort to figure out how they manage to sing on the page. And we'll do some exercises that will help you do the same. No musical instruments necessary. Just bring your voice.

**How to Use Your Obsessions to Jumpstart Your Writing**

*3:30 pm to 6:30 pm*

Most good writing—whether fiction or nonfiction—arises from a writer's obsessions. In this intensive session, we'll discuss how to explore our obsessions on the page, without falling prey to self-absorption or sentiment. We'll start by looking at the work of folks such as Joan Didion, George Saunders, Nick Hornby, and Calvin Trillin, and then generate some work in class by confessing to our own obsessions. Check your inhibitions at the door.

## **THE INSTRUCTOR**

Steve Almond is the award-winning author of ten books of fiction and nonfiction, three of which he published himself. His most recent book is the story collection *God Bless America*.

Almond's fiction has appeared in the *Best American Short Stories 2010*, *McSweeney's*, *New England Review*, *Playboy*, *Tin House*, and many other publications. He has also contributed articles to the *Believer*, *Boston Globe*, *Los Angeles Times*, *GQ*, *Poets & Writers*, *The Sun*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and countless other magazines and newspapers.