

# PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2020 MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES

**Nikki Silva**

March 11, 2020

Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Nikki Silva** is Co-Executive Producer (with Davia Nelson, her long-time friend and work partner) of the award winning public radio team, The Kitchen Sisters. They are the creators of hundreds of stories for NPR, podcast and public broadcast about the lives, histories, art and rituals of people, famous and unsung, who have shaped our diverse cultural heritage.

The Kitchen Sisters are the producers of the duPont-Columbia and James Beard award-winning NPR series *Hidden Kitchens*, and the Peabody Award-winning NPR series, *Lost & Found Sound* and *The Sonic Memorial Project*. They are also the creators of *The Hidden World of Girls*, on NPR and the Webby Award winning podcast *The Kitchen Sisters Present*. They also have a radio show, *The Kitchen Sisters on KSQD*, each Tuesday 3-4 PM, on the new local community radio station KSQD Santa Cruz, 90.7 FM.



Their current project on NPR/Podcast series is *The Keepers* – a series about activist archivists, rogue librarians, collectors, curators, historians and the collections and cultures they chronicle, protect and make accessible. The series recently received an award from the Society of American Archivists.

They are the authors of *Hidden Kitchens: Stories, Recipes, and More from NPR's The Kitchen Sisters*, a 2005 New York Times Notable Book of the Year. Their radio special *Hidden Kitchens Texas*, narrated by Willie Nelson, inspired their book, *Hidden Kitchens Texas: Stories, Recipes and More from the Lone Star State*. They have also produced Audie Award winning CDs, narrated by actresses Frances McDormand and Tina Fey, and filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola.

The Kitchen Sisters are involved in educating and training new voices for public media in an imaginative, artistic and creative approach to storytelling. They have an active intern program and have taught at UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, UCSC Social Documentary Graduate Program and frequently lecture and provide training around the country.

Nikki has also worked as the History Curator at the Museum of Art and History (MAH). She is an exhibit consultant and has curated exhibitions for many museums and organizations including the California State Parks Association, the cities of Santa Cruz, Watsonville, San Jose, San Leandro and others. Nikki lives in a commune in La Selva Beach, CA with her family.

These programs are informal coffee hours where local authors discuss their works, answer questions, and autograph their books. They are free of charge and open to the public. Coffee will be provided by The Ugly Mug. For further information call 475-3326

The library is located at 3050 Porter Street, Soquel. Parking is available behind the library. Enter from Soquel Drive into the Bagelry parking lot and drive through to the left.

Library Hours Monday-Friday 12 – 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Library website is – [www.porterml.org](http://www.porterml.org)