

Laura Tohe

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Laura Tohe is Diné. She is Sleepy Rock people clan born for the Bitter Water people clan and is the daughter of a Navajo Code Talker. A librettist and an award-winning poet, she has written three books of poetry, edited two books, and wrote an oral history book on the Navajo Code Talkers. Her commissioned libretto, *Enemy Slayer, A Navajo Oratorio*, world premiered for the Phoenix Symphony and her latest libretto, *Nahasdzaan in the Glittering World* was performed in France in 2019 and 2021. Among her awards are the 2020 Academy of American Poetry Fellowship; 2019 American Indian Festival of Writers Award; and the Arizona Book Association's Glyph Award for Best Poetry. She is Professor Emerita with Distinction from Arizona State University and is the current Navajo Nation Poet Laureate.