

Writers in Stuttgart Monthly meeting June 17th, 2023

Meetings Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Chair: Jadi

Minutes: Andrea

Attendees: Jadi, Andrea Barbara, Ellen, Cigan, Erica, Irene, Michael Hilton, Katharine

Prompt (by Barbara): “You can’t wake up if you don’t fall asleep.” Write a piece in conversation with this quote from the 2023 movie “Asteroid City”.

Sharing prompts:

Jadi: E.T. – Enlightened Teacher

Andrea: Trying successless to fall asleep to wake up

Ellen: flower

Cihan: dramatic conversation between father and son

Irene: On garden work

Erica: Hypervigilance in a patient – psychologist talk

Barbara: God is hungry and in pursuit of her own happiness

Katharine: On pain after hip replacement and riding one’s bike

Barbara asks what us what we think it really means:

Jadi: sees it as a Zen koan (small piece of enlightenment)

Andrea: about waking up to social awareness; seeing and realizing connections

Critiques:

#1: Michael H.: “The theater of encounter” Essay / manifesto to be published on the role of theater at the time of A.I. (Artificial Intelligence): Might A.I. art make human art redundant?

Jadi and Katharine: Would like to have more details on certain ideas.

Andrea: Misses coherence as well as a thesis statement and a clear message.

Michael says the text is intended as a philosophical and literary rather than a persuasive essay.

Katharine: There seems to be a contradiction to your own utterance that ‘A.I. is not the enemy.’ Problematic to say: ‘It transcends ideology.’

Irene: You are all over human experience. But is it really enough about theater? You should consider deflating what you say about A.I. If it is to be on the theater then bring it to the stage.

Erica: A voluptuous essay that lacks grounding in the theater.

Barbara: You say you want to inspire but it comes across as being suffering. It seems as if the medicinal function of art has been lost and we should return to that.

#2: Jadi: An excerpt from “The taste of your name”

Neela writes to Mustafa, who is presently away from Stuttgart, in Hannover. Neela, while making love to Brian, is realizing that she wishes it was actually Mustafa, whom she calls Moose.

#3: Erica: “Believe what they tell you”

A one-act-play on a mother being scared of leaving home and their sisters, both on the phone, not believing her – until there is an explosion.

Business:

#1: A workshop on the publishing world

Jadi is suggesting Derrick Jenkins could possibly give us a workshop on publishing and the publishing world.

Jadi will ask him for a presentation in November 2023. She will ask about the costs and potential dates and get back to the group.

#2: Our October 2023 reading

In September we have to set up rehearsal dates for our October 2023 reading.