

Audio Transcript: I Am Cindy Tran

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I'm Cindy Tran. As a poet, I'm interested in the parts of our lives that are difficult to look at, things I notice that people actively avoid thinking about. For my *Open Call* commission, I interview small business owners all over the five boroughs to learn about their life, their work, and what they did during the pandemic. I write sonnets based on these interviews, then film the business owners reading the sonnets. I've been inspired by each of their stories, some involving great loss. They all share this commitment to practice strength, which often means opening their business doors every morning.