

Houston, Texas – July 3, 2023 – Press Release:

Saint Julian Press is proud to announce a new book of poetry, *MATRIX*, by author Max Bialer to be published on October 2, 2023. *MATRIX* is about finding new beginnings amid life in its terrible complexity, amongst chaos and loss, and forming family and friendship connections in surprising ways.



Who else but Matt Bialer could make a poem filled with Brontosauruses, New Coke, finding old footage of your girlfriend on YouTube, creamed spinach, and sex education filmstrips and somehow juggle all of this (and more!) so casually that you don't notice that he's breaking your heart until he has. Bialer is unabashedly direct and clear in the best way; in the minutiae of his life, you will see the reflection of your own life.

—Matthew Rohrer

The Sky Contains The Plans and The Others

MATRIX is a deeply moving poem about loss and reconstruction. Matt Bialer is a master of concision and evocation, bringing an incredible palette of nuances to often contradictory feelings. A must-read for all lovers of real-life, raw beautiful poetry.

—Seb Doubinsky

Missing Signal and The Song Of Synth

In *MATRIX*, Bialer's 60th birthday thrusts him into a poetic contemplation on both the striking brevity of life as well as the enduring nature of memory. The readers take a journey moving back and forth through time and the ever-changing landscape of dinosaurs, 35mm film, vinyl records, and other extinct or obsolete objects and beings. Only an 82-million-year-old tooth, set in a matrix of stone, survives like “a footprint across time.” The poignancy of grief for his beloved wife's passing and the hopefulness of a new love are vivid reminders that although life is ephemeral, the human capacity to love is undying.

—Loretta Oleck

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Matt Bialer is the author of dozens of poetry books, including *VIEW-MASTER LAND* (Finishing Line Press, 2023), *MAZE* (Finishing Line Press, 2021), and *ALWAYS SAY GOODNIGHT* (KYSO Flash, 2020). His poems have also appeared in many print and online journals, including *Retort*, *Le Zaporogue*, *Green Mountains Review*, *Gobbet*, *Forklift Ohio*, and *H_NGM_N*. In addition, Matt is an acclaimed black-and-white street photographer who has exhibited his work widely. Some of his images are in the permanent collections of The Brooklyn Museum, The Museum of the City of New York, and The New York Public Library. He is also an accomplished watercolor landscape painter with works in many private collections.

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