



CR AVERY (Vancouver) Recorded 15 albums, written & directed six hip-hop operas • Tours Canada, the USA and Europe • Works in many musical genres



DR. DAVID BATEMAN (Toronto) PhD in Creative Writing, visual artist, teacher, actor, performance poet, and playwright • Published innumerable books, poems, anthologies, essays, plays, monologues & reviews • Performed across North America for more than 15 years



KLYDE BROOX (Hamilton) Jamaican born dubpoet/former University of Miami James Michener Fellow • Published two volumes of poetry • Recipient of the 2005 City of Hamilton Arts Award for Literature, the 2006 Arts Hamilton/Seraphim Editions Award for Best Poetry Book, & the 2011 Rev. John. C. Holland Award for excellence in the arts



REGIE CABICO (Washington) Winner of The Nuyorican Poets Cafe Grand Slam • Won National Poetry Slams top prizes in 1993, '94 & '97 + first place team prize in 1997 • Featured in seasons of HBO's *Daf Poetry Jam* & NPR's *Snap Judgement* • Recipient of three NY Innovative Theater Award nominations



MOE CLARK (Montréal) Nominated Montréal's top spoken word artist in 2010 by the Montréal Mirror • Community educator promoting literacy and creative expression



VICTOR HERNÁNDEZ CRUZ (Puerto Rico) Recipient of numerous awards including the Guggenheim Fellowship + the New York Poetry Foundation Award • 2x World Heavyweight Champion poet • His book *Maraca: New & Selected Poems* (2001, Coffee House Press) was a finalist for both the Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize and the Griffin Poetry Prize • Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets



TANYA EVANSON (Vancouver) Interdisciplinary artist rooted in poetry with branches in spoken word, music and dance • Five poetry chapbooks, two spoken word music CDs • Toured Europe, Turkey and Japan for many years as a Whirling Dervish • Arts organizer/event producer Mother Tongue Media



IAN FERRIER (Montréal) A founder of the spoken word label *Wired On Words* • Performs as a solo artist and with the trance/improv music project *Pharmakon MTL* • Released CD/book *Exploding Head Man* (2004) + two CDs, *What Is This Place?* (2007) and *To Call Out in the Night* (2010)



DANIELLE FRENCH (Calgary) Released four independent CD's • Songs featured in film, TV, and live local theatre • Produced/directed three short films for Bravo!



CHRIS GILPIN (Vancouver) Poet, author, playwright, film-maker • Champion of Vancouver's 2011 Individual Poetry Slam & 2008 Haiku Death Match • Winner of the Vancouver's 2009 CBC Poetry Face-off • Member of the interactive multimedia clown rock supergroup *Awesome Face*



VIVIAN HANSEN (Calgary) Completed her MFA in Creative Writing at the University of British Columbia • Her fiction and nonfiction has appeared in many anthologies, most recently in *The Mad-woman in the Academy* and *Writing the Terrain*



RICHARD HARRISON (Calgary) Author of six books of poetry • Published in many countries, in English and in translation • Nominated for the Governor-General's Award • Winner of the 2000 City of Calgary Book Prize and the Milton Acorn Prize, Silver Medal



TRUTH IS (Guelph) Co-director: Guelph Spoken Word arts organization • Artistic Director, Guelph Youth Poetry Slam • Opening act for Canadian Hip-Hop idol K-O5 • Individual slam champion, 6x national & 7x regional spoken word team member; 4x performer at 'When Sisters Speak' spoken word concert



IAN KETEKU (Ottawa) 2010 World Poetry Slam Champion • Member of the critically acclaimed spoken word troupe *The Recipe* • Performed for the Governor General of Canada, Michaele Jean, on three occasions



FABRICE KOFFY (Montréal) Member of Guillaume Soucy and Kalmunity Vibe Collective • Previous participant in le Festival international de Jazz de Montréal, le festival maelström réévolution de Bruxelles and les



GENEVIÈVE LETARTE (Montréal) Author of four novels + one book of poetry • Member of the editorial board of the Montréal literary magazine *l'Inconvénient* • Two time Governor General's Award nominee • Former writer in residency at Yaddo, the Banff Center and the Quebec Studio in Paris



CHERYL L'HIRONDELLE (Toronto) Award-winning multi-disciplinary artist, singer, songwriter, and skilled drummer • Many years of formal musical training + participation in First Nations ceremonial music • From a musical family on the Canadian northern plains (Kikino, Pahpahstayo AB)



CARITAS LONGMAN (Calgary) Writes in a variety of genres • Inspired by experimental music, places she has been, and her own life experiences • Studies english at the University of Calgary.



MICHELINE MAYLOR (Calgary) Graduate of the May Studio/Banff Centre • BA in English, MA in Creative Writing, Ph.D. in English Language and Literature • Editor of *FreeFall* literary magazine



MIKE MCGEE (Portland) Winner of the 2003 National Poetry Slam Grand Championship • Recent international poetry & comedy tour all over Europe, Canada and the USA • One of the first Americans to perform at the University of Paris and Glastonbury



BRENDAN MCLEOD (Vancouver) Former Canadian SLAM poetry champion and World SLAM runner-up • First novel was long listed for the 2008 ReLit Award for fiction • Nominated for a 2007 Canadian Folk Music Award with musical group *The Fugitives*



KIRK MILES (Calgary) Two poetry collections • 2009 winner of the Writers Guild of Alberta Screenwriters Award: *Shadow Maker* • Featured on Bravo and CBC • Recipient of an Alberta Culture Playwriting award: *Juggler on a Drum*



ALESSANDRA NACCARATO (Toronto) 2x finalist: Canadian Festival of Spoken Word (2009, 2010) • Artistic Director of Montréal's slam chapter (Throw Poetry Collective, 2009-11) • Chair of Spoken Word Canada



BILLEH NICKERSON (Vancouver) Four poetry collections • Nominated for two Publishing Triangle Awards • Co-editor of *Seminal: the Anthology of Canada's Gay Male Poets* • Former Editor of *Event* magazine and *PRISM* International



ANDY PAPANPOLOUS (Calgary) Award winning speechwriter, poet, performer and businessman • Social activist • Blends art, business and finance into spoken word and music performance



LISA PASOLD (Paris) Four books of poetry • Nominated for an Alberta Book Award • Taught at the American University in Paris



TB PERRY (Calgary) Junior High School teacher and MFA candidate at UBC • First book of poetry published in 2010 • Organizer and host of the Ink Spot Collective monthly Poetry Slam • Captain of the 2010 Calgary poetry Slam Team



MARY PINKOSKI (Edmonton) Winner of the 2011 National Poetry Slam Championship in Edmonton • Voted Most Valuable Poet of the 2011 Canadian Festival of Spoken Word • Winner of the 2008 National CBC Poetry Faceoff



ALI RILEY (Nanton) Poems have appeared in six anthologies • *Collection Tear Down* was short-listed for the ReLit awards • First book, *Wayward*, was short-listed for the Gerald Lampert Award



SASHA SEMENOFF (Calgary) Native Nelsonite residing in Calgary • Working on his first play



STEVEN ROSS SMITH (Banff) Writer, composer, performer, collaborator and Director of Literary Arts, Banff Centre • Collaborated with Owen Sound, DUCT, and aBANDon • 11 books + various CD & audiocassette appearances over three decades • Published in six countries



TITILOPE SONUGA (Edmonton) Storyteller with a distinct style following in the oral tradition of her Yoruba roots • Winner of the 2011 Canadian Authors Association Emerging Writer Award • Board member for the Edmonton Poetry Festival and SpoCan (Spoken Word of Canada) • Founding member of the *Breath In Poetry* Collective



JOSÉE THIBEAULT (Edmonton) Studied cinematography and French literature in Montréal • Artistic director, actor, comedian, columnist and author



ERIN VANCE (Calgary) Creator of semi-beautiful things, tree nymph



RACHNA VOHRA (Philadelphia) Self-published two books; published in magazines, and anthologies • Participated in the 2010 Banff Spoken Word Residency • Nominated for the Pushcart Prize



SEBASTIEN WEN (Calgary) Poet, playwright and musician • Calgary High School senior



RC WESLOWSKI (Vancouver) A purveyor of spoken weird • Mentor with the Vancouver East Cultural Centre's IGNITE youth program • Workshop facilitator at the Victoria Spoken Word Festival and the Canadian Festival of Spoken Word



SHERI-D WILSON (Calgary) Eight poetry collections/two CDs/four award winning video poems • USA Heavyweight Champion • Founder / Artistic Director: Calgary Spoken Word Festival, Director: Banff Spoken Word Program.



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 • 8:00 PM • Donation (suggest \$10)
The Banff Centre, The Club
ARTISTS VICTOR HERNÁNDEZ CRUZ (Puerto Rico) • GENEVIÈVE LETARTE (Montréal) • RC WESLOWSKI (Vancouver) • SHERI-D WILSON (Calgary)
MC Steven Ross Smith

EVENT 2 PANEL—POETRY/ LA POÉSIE/POESÍA—LINGO DUENDE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 • 8:00 PM • Donation (suggest \$5)
The Banff Centre, Bentley Chamber Music Studio
ARTISTS REGIE CABICO (DC) • VICTOR HERNÁNDEZ CRUZ (Puerto Rico) • GENEVIÈVE LETARTE (Montréal) • STEVEN ROSS SMITH (Banff)
Moderator Sheri-D Wilson

EVENT 3 STUDENT SPEAK—THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 • 8:00 PM • Donation (suggest \$10)
The Banff Centre, The Club
ARTISTS The participants of the Spoken Word Program

EVENT 4 YOUTH SLAM—SUSTAINABLE POETRY

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 • 2:00 PM • FREE
The Downtown Library, John Dutton Theatre, 616—Macleod Trail SE
Presented with This Is My City, The Calgary Public Library, and Youth Central

EVENT 5 POETRY ROAR 4 AL PURDY

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 • 8:00 PM • Donation (suggest \$5)
The Banff Centre, Bentley Chamber Music Studio
ARTISTS The participants of the Spoken Word Program

EVENT 6 OPENING NIGHT—THE SALOON SALON

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 • 8pm • \$5
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115—9 Avenue SE
ARTISTS VICTOR HERNÁNDEZ CRUZ (Puerto Rico) • RICHARD HARRISON (Calgary) • CHERYL L'HIRONDELLE (Toronto) • RACHNA VOHRA (Philadelphia) • IAN FERRIER (Montréal)
MC Cory Mack (Calgary)

EVENT 7 PROARTS@NOON CONCERT SERIES—MUSICA UNIVERSALIS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 • Noon • FREE
Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, 218—7th Ave SE, (corner of 7th Ave. & 1st St. SE)
ARTISTS IAN FERRIER (Montréal) • SHERI-D WILSON (Calgary)

EVENT 8 FRONTENAC HOUSE LAUNCH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 • 7:30 PM • FREE
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115—9 Avenue SE
ARTISTS DAVID BATEMAN (Toronto) • LISA PASOLD (Paris) • ALI RILEY (Nanton)

EVENT 9 WORD-BIRDS & SONG-LINES LIVE TO THE WEB

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 • 8:00 PM • \$10
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115—9 Avenue SE
ARTISTS CR AVERY (Vancouver) • TANYA EVANSON (Vancouver) • DANIELLE FRENCH (Calgary) • FABRICE KOFFY (Montréal) • BRENDAN MCLEOD (Vancouver) • JOSÉE THIBEAULT (Edmonton)

EVENT 10 ANTI-GRAVITY GRIOTS LIVE TO THE WEB

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 • 8:00 PM • \$12
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115—9 Avenue SE
ARTISTS KLYDE BROOX (Hamilton/Kingston) • REGIE CABICO (Washington, DC) • CHRIS GILPIN (Vancouver) • TRUTH IS (Ottawa) • MARY PINKOSKI (Edmonton)
MC Cory Mack (Calgary)

EVENT 11 SLAM CHAMPS PG • 4 WHOLE FAMILY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 • 10:00—11:30 AM • \$5/person • \$15/family (up to 5)
The Downtown Library, John Dutton Theatre, 616—Macleod Trail SE
ARTISTS TRUTH IS (Ottawa) • IAN KETEKU (Ottawa) • MIKE MCGEE (Portland) • MARY PINKOSKI (Edmonton)
MC Regie Cabico (Washington, DC)

EVENT 12 ROOM SERVICE/ POETRY BETWEEN THE SHEETS

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 • NOON—1:30 PM • \$5
Hotel Arts 119—12th Avenue SW
ARTISTS KLYDE BROOX (Hamilton/Kingston) • MOE CLARK (Montréal) • ALESSANDRA NACCARATO • BILLEH NICKERSON (Vancouver) • RACHNA VOHRA (Philadelphia)

EVENT 13 UNDER THE INFLUENCE—A POETRY & WHIRLING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 • 2:00—4:00 PM • \$25
Calgary 2012, 2105—Cliff Street SW
ARTIST TANYA EVANSON (Vancouver)

EVENT 14 RIVETING RACONTEURS LIVE TO THE WEB

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 • 8:00 PM • \$12
Auburn Saloon #163, 115—9 Avenue SE
ARTISTS RAVENSARA (Moe Clarke/Alessandra Naccarato, Montréal/Toronto) • IAN KETEKU (Ottawa) • MIKE MCGEE (Portland) • BILLEH NICKERSON (Vancouver) • TITI SONUGA (Edmonton)

EVENT 15 SLAM WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 • 11:00 AM—2:00 PM • \$25
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115—9 Avenue SE
ARTIST IAN KETEKU (Ottawa)

EVENT 16 LEAGUE OF POETS & FRIENDS READING

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 • 11:00 AM—1:00 PM • FREE
The Downtown Library, John Dutton Theatre, 616—Macleod Trail SE
ARTISTS VIVIAN HANSEN (Calgary) • RICHARD HARRISON (Calgary) • MICHELINE MAYLOR (Calgary) • TB PERRY (Calgary)
MC Dymphony Dronyk (Calgary)

EVENT 17 SNAP JUDGEMENT—STORY SLAM COMPETITION

Sunday, April 22 • 2:30—4:00 PM • \$5
The Downtown Library, John Dutton Theatre, 616—Macleod Trail SE
MC Regie Cabico (Washington DC)

EVENT 18 CALGARY POETRY SHINDIG & CLOSING PARTY & OPEN MIC

Sunday, April 22 • 5:00 PM—until it ends • \$5
Auburn Saloon, #163, 115—9 Avenue SE
ARTISTS THE DINGBATS (Caritas Longman, Sasha Semenov, Erin Vance, Sebastien Wen) • KIRK MILES (Midnight Yoga For Alcoholics) • ANDY PAPANOPOLUS • SHERI-D WILSON
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