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Another Type of Groove Presents HBO Def Poet Joaquin Zihuatanejo

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly MultiCultural Center’s Another Type of Groove presents World Poetry Slam Champion Joaquin Zihuatanejo from 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6 in Chumash Auditorium.

Joaquin Zihuatanejo has been featured on HBO’s Def Poetry Jam and has competed and won at poetry slams on the national and international levels. He has published three collections of poetry: “Of Fire and Rain,” “Barrio Songs” and “I of the Storm.” He has also released “Barrio Songs: A Spoken Word Collection,” an album of spoken word recordings.

Born and raised in the barrio of East Dallas, Zihuatanejo is a former award winning English and Creative Writing high school teacher who inspired and mentored his students in the creation of a collection of poems titled “Stand Up and Be Heard.”

Zihuatanejo’s work captures the dual nature of Chicano culture and depicts the essence of barrio life. His writing often focuses on a youth who spends his time wandering his local streets and a dream world where he finds refuge in a world of stories and poems.

Another Type of Groove is a poetry event held the first Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. It is intended to create a place for the interchange of ideas, beliefs and personal expression. Each event is free and open to the public and features a highlighted poet as well as an open mic opportunity for interested students, staff, faculty, and community members.

The MultiCultural Center cultivates a campuswide community that represents and celebrates the diversity of Cal Poly’s student body.

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