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### **Nation's Best-Known Slam Poets Perform 'Another Type of Groove' May 21**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- In celebration of the traditions of the spoken word, the Bullhorn Collective "slam" poets group is coming to Cal Poly Friday, May 21, "to administer a mighty blow with their words," according to Mark Fabionar, coordinator of the university's Multicultural Center.

The exhibition poetry slam, titled "Another Type of Groove," is open to the public and will run from 7 to 10 p.m. in Harmon Hall in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center. The event is free for Cal Poly students; general admission is \$15.

Slam poetry, according to the Bullhorn Collective's Web site, is the "competitive art of performance poetry. It puts a dual emphasis on writing and performance, encouraging poets to focus on what they're saying and how they're saying it."

"Another Type of Groove" will feature past regional and national poetry slam champions, as well as the current No. 1 slam poet in the nation, Michael McGee.

"Cal Poly will offer an outstanding evening of performance poetry with an exhilarating rotating cast that was formed in 2002 by Buddy Wakefield," said Fabionar. "These inspirational artists have been well received all over the world and have appeared on television on HBO's 'Def Poetry,' the Public Broadcasting System, the BET-TV network, ESPN and '60 Minutes,' as well as in Carnegie Hall and at nearly every major festival and performance venue."

The Bullhorn Collective Web site states its mission is to "to release, revive, redeem and resonate with compassion, induce understanding, inspire the aspiring, ignite whole laughter, and free poetry from the shackles of textbooks ... to achieve our goals as artists, thinkers and doers by stimulating meaningful dialogue and critical exchange while promoting community-building that recognizes, engages in, and transcends

differences."

Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, by phone at (805) 756-2787, or online at [www.pacslo.org](http://www.pacslo.org).

The event is being sponsored by Student Life and Leadership's Multicultural Center, ASI Events, Cal Poly Arts, New Times, the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council and the Soul Speak Collective.

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