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Nation's Best-Known 'Slam' Poets Perform 'Another Type of Groove' at Cal Poly May 15

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- In celebration of the traditions of the spoken word, the Bullhorn Collective -- a group of "slam" poets -- is coming to Cal Poly on May 15 "to administer a mighty blow with their words," according to Mark Fabionar, coordinator of the university's Multicultural Center.

The free exhibition poetry slam, titled "Another Type of Groove," is open to the public and will run from 7 to 10 p.m. in Yosemite Residence Hall Lounge.

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."

"Cal Poly will offer an outstanding evening of performance poetry with an exhilarating rotating cast that was formed in 2002 by renowned slam poets Eitan Kadosh and 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 exhibition slam will consist of three rounds starting with 11 competitors. The second round will drop to seven, and the final round will have four poets who compete to the end.

"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, Sekou Tha Misfit.

The Bullhorn Collective Web site states its mission is to "engage and transcend cross-cultural differences through the art of the spoken word/performance/slam poetry; to simultaneously entertain and educate. Our purpose is to create bridges of understanding among all people by bringing to realization the concepts of one humanity and the interconnectedness of all life. We support groups and individuals whose innovative approaches to life reflect these concepts; whose work exemplifies global vision, demonstrates a spirit of inclusiveness, and fosters positive pro-activity in such a perpetually changing world."

For more information, call Cal Poly's Multicultural Center at 756-5840.

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