Another Type of Groove Celebrates Black History Month with Poet Andrew Tyree on Feb. 6 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly MultiCultural Center’s “Another Type of Groove: Spoken Word Poetry” celebrates Black History Month with poet Andrew Tyree at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, in Chumash Auditorium.

Tyree’s slam titles include 2009 Slam Charlotte Grand Slam Champion, 2005 Nuyorican Grand Slam Champion, and 2004 Slam Bush Champion. He has also appeared on HBO’s DefPoetry Jam.

Tyree had an unconventional upbringing – born in Nuremberg, Germany, and raised in the St. Louis foster care system. He began acting at age 14 and is now an actor, singer and award-winning spoken-word artist. His musical talents got him signed to Interscope Records.

Although his band’s album went unreleased, the opportunity with Interscope led him to New York City, where he furthered his talents and took up the art of spoken word.

Wanting to return to the stage, in 2006, he wrote, produced, directed and starred in the off-Broadway play “Therapy Session.” His additional acting credits include performances on “Dexter” and “House.”

Another Type of Groove is a spoken-word poetry event held the first Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. Each event includes a featured poet and an open mic opportunity for interested community members and students. The event is free and open to the public.

The MultiCultural Center cultivates a campuswide community that represents and celebrates the diversity of Cal Poly’s student body. The center empowers students to grow beyond their personal barriers, strengthen their understanding of diversity and social responsibility, and develop leadership skills, while fostering a sense of belonging.

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