



The People's Poetry Festival August 16 – 18, 2013

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The People's Poetry Festival launches third annual festival in Kensington

Calgary, AB – The People's Poetry Festival is launching its third annual festival. The event will span three days, with a festival launch on Friday, August 16 at Pages Books on Kensington at 6pm. The launch will feature poets Sheri-D Wilson, Erin Dingle (2013 Calgary SLAM Champion), Andre Prefontaine and the 2013 People's Poetry Festival Poet of Honour, Dave Eso. This event cost is a suggested donation of \$10.

Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18, between 11:00am and 4:00pm, the festival will be live on the streets of Kensington, offering free, all ages Do-It-Yourself Poetry Stations, a poetic graffiti art walk, and an outdoor mic in front of The Plaza Theatre, featuring poetry readings, spoken word performances, live music and open mic.

In addition, Saturday offers a day of programming that will see an Abecedarian poetry writing workshop with Mount Royal University's creative writing instructor, Richard Harrison. The workshop runs 11:00am - 12:30pm at the Louise Riley Library. This event is free of charge, however registration is required.

One of Calgary's newest comers to the literary arts scene, *RE:act Art & Community Together*—co-created by Calgary's Poet Laureate, Kris Demeanor—will host a Biergarten (18+) from 2:00 – 4:00pm at SAM'S Bar and Grill in Kensington. The event cost is a suggested donation of \$5.

Saturday evening will see the return of the festival's popular Poetry Cabaret, co-produced by the *Calgary International Spoken Word Festival*, which features live music, poetry and burlesque performances. The evening will showcase poets Andre Prefontaine, Erin Dingle, Paul Finkleman and Sheri-D Wilson, and burlesque performers Alabaster Fay and Miss Marla Muse, the reigning Miss Taboo Calgary. The Poetry Cabaret runs 7:00 - 9:00pm at the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Centre and has a suggested donation of \$10.

On Sunday, August 18, the free Kid's Approved poetry reading will take place from 12:00 – 1:00pm in front of The Plaza Theatre on Kensington road. Sunday will also feature two free creative workshops to be held on the patio of Oolong Tea House:

Anchors and Bootstraps: A roundtable discussion in which participating writers will discuss the exhilarating challenges faced by the creative writer. Share conflicts of confidence and the frights of success and embark on several short writing exercises. Hosted by Dave Eso, 1:00 - 2:15pm.

Flow and Inspiration: Learning to write with rhythm, learning to see inspiration everywhere. Hosted by Wakefield Brewster, 2:30 – 3:45pm.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit peoplespoetryfestival.com.

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