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WordSpace Announces 2012 Spring Season



DALLAS, TX – January, 2012, Mama said Knock You Out ...

We're gonna knock you out with -- readings, gallery showcases, web cam events, intimate salons with local and national writers, critics' circles on W.B. Yeats and Sylvia Plath. We continue our commitment to the local slam community with Make it New, Make It Real: Dallas Poetry Slam, and this year the WordSpace Student Readings will be part of the 2012 SMU Literary Festival. Need more? How about a monthly party? WordSpace and their Oak Cliff neighbors sponsor the Second Saturday Tyler-Davis Block Parties featuring performance artists, songwriters and dance parties.

Find out more about upcoming and ongoing WordSpace events at the newly redesigned WordSpace.us.

Coming in Spring 2012

The Amazing Hancock Brothers

When: Saturday, February 11, 4pm

Where: WordSpace, 415 North Tyler St.

In conjunction with their [Mighty Fine Arts](#) curated show at [The Kessler Theater](#), The Amazing Hancock Brothers perform spoken word, sign their books, make t-shirts, and who knows what else!

Dr. Venus Opal Reese, Sanderia Smith, and Jennifer Wallach

When: Wednesday February 15th 7pm

Where: Chocolate Secrets, 3926 Oak Lawn Ave.

You are invited to sit, enjoy, and take in all that is Chocolate Secrets with a great event curated especially to honor African-American History Month: a special booksigning event and performance by Venus Opal Reese.

Flow

When: Friday February 17th 8pm

Where: Heros: 7402 Greenville Avenue

Flow is all about social dialogue. As a performance poet her work is conversations on street corners and words exchanged in the breezeway – a mix of images rewritten in various places on random things.

UNT's David Holdeman on Yeats

WordSpace Critics Circle

When: Wednesday February 29th 7pm

Where: Contact WordSpace at 214-838-3554

We are honored to host David Holdeman, in programming partnership with University of Texas English Department to present an in-depth investigative experience of W. B. Yeats.

T. Odis

When: Friday March 2nd 8pm

Where: Heros, 7402 Greenville Ave

Terry has had the honor of sharing the stage with poets such as Black Ice, Abyss, Tasha Jones, and Tommy Bottoms. He is a member of The Left Side Poets, a group of individuals determined to contribute to the artistic world by providing personal accounts of life through poetry

kYmberly Keeton@ Tyler-Davis Arts District Block Party

When: Saturday March 10th, 7pm

Where: WordSpace, 415 North Tyler St.

Ymberly mieshia dionne Keeton is a graduate of The University of Houston with a B.A. in English-Creative Writing with a minor in African-American Studies . She has written six books of poetry, and numerous short-stories to be self-published.

Miroslav Penkov Salon

When: Thursday March 15th, 7pm

Where: Contact WordSpace 214-838-3554

His stories have won The Southern Review's Eudora Welty Prize and have appeared in or are forthcoming from A Public Space, One Story, Orion, The Sunday Times, Granta Online, The Best American Short Stories 2008, The 2012 PEN/O. Henry Prize Stories.

WordSpace Presents Dallas Poetry Slam @ Deep Ellum Outdoor Market

When: Saturday March 17th, 12pm

Where: Deep Ellum: Indiana and Malcom X

From noon-3, every hour on the hour, poets from the **Dallas Poetry Slam** pump up the jam **Deep Ellum Outdoor Market** with a 15 minute performance between music sets.

WordSpace Student Readings at SMU Literary Festival

When: Wednesday March 21st 6:30pm

Where: SMU McCord Auditorium in Dallas Hall

WordSpace is greatly honored to present their annual Dallas area high school students reading at the 2012 Southern Methodist University Literary Festival.

2012 SMU Literary Festival: WordSpace Reception For The Artists

When: Friday, March 23, 8pm

Where: SMU McCord Auditorium in Dallas Hall

WordSpace Salon: Ben Fountain

When: Thursday, April 5th, 7 pm

Where: Contact WordSpace 214-838-3554

Ben Fountain reads from his soon-to-be released new novel, "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" published by Ecco/HarperCollins.

About WordSpace

WordSpace is a non-profit North Texas literary organization dedicated to supporting indigenous literature and connecting the best of world literature to local readers. Throughout the year WordSpace presents author readings, workshops, concerts and salons. Its mission is to promote the use of imaginative language and its creators working in traditional and experimental forms.

Founded in 1994, WordSpace has presented programs and workshops with many writers and songwriters, including Robert Creeley, Gerald Burns, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Townes Van Zandt, Jeff Liles, Booker Prize winner James Kelman, Isabel Nathaniel, Terry and JoHarvey Allen, Cristina Henriquez, David Searcy, O. Henry Prize Winner Ben Fountain, Ed Sanders, NPR correspondent, poet, and novelist Andrei Codrescu, and internationally acclaimed media pundit and activist, Dan Savage.

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