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# Editor's Corner



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Hello there and welcome to the first issue of Iambic.

I am CharRon and I will be your participant-observant in the local Sacramento poetry community. So, relax as you browse the content in this 'zine. The month of April is National Poetry Month. In Sacramento, poets that are invading the streets, buildings, and public transit to share the verse and love of poetry. It is going to be active 30 days of performances. If you are brave, share a bit of your own work!

With the premier issue we went to introduce you to the scene: its hosts, its venues, and some of its events. Inside this issue, we will introduce you to the local hosts who organize the poetry scene in the section: MEET THE HOST. This section will provide a spotlight on a venue host in Sacramento Poetry community. Each month in VENUES we will feature one of the major poetry venues in Sacramento.

I am seeking to create a source for information on the wide variety of poets and poetry flourishing in Sacramento. I would love your contributions! If you would like to submit work to the 'zine, please contact me!

~CharRon Smith

# Venues

Thursdays  
Joe Montoya's  
Poetry Unplugged  
8-10 PM, Sign up at  
7:30  
1414 16th Street  
Sacramento, CA  
95814

Third Friday of  
Every Month  
Sac Unified Poetry  
Slam  
8-10 PM, Sign up at  
7:30p0  
\$5 to Slam, winner  
takes pot



*Joe Montoya's Poetry Unplugged*  
Established in 1995

Joe Montoya's Poetry Unplugged is the longest running open mic poetry show in Sacramento. The show located at Art Luna's Café between 16th Street and O Street. It is across from Simon's Chinese cuisine. The show is run by 5 weekly rotating hosts. Each host brings a local poets or spoken word artist to be a Feature. Poets are allowed 3 poems or up to 5 minutes of stage time.

It is free to perform. Everyone (performing or not) has a one item minimum for the show.

# Take 5

Poetry by CharRon Smith

## A Storm Is Coming

She likes the Rain  
The dark clouds reveal her anger.  
The thunder shields her screams.  
The lightning blinds her strikes.  
The shower removes the blood.  
The drops mask her tears.  
She like the rains.

## Stellar Message

A stellar connection presented a Beacon. It's coming!  
I told authority but ignore me: It's coming!  
Time pass & it's forgotten until: A comet appears.  
"Look! How?"  
"It's written in the sky"

## Bump In The Night

I can't sleep!  
It will take me away.  
I can't sleep!  
Where are they?  
These Nightmares are under my Bed!  
I'm scared what lies ahead.

## 1 for 2

I'm wanted by two beings:  
- Lover of light  
- Dominant of Dark

A captive in a polygamous renaissance.

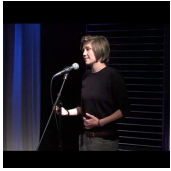
## Dark Comedian

So,  
I write  
True statements  
To laugh loud later  
Truth is a dark comedian



# Meet the Hosts

Without hosts to organize, promote and run poetry events we would all be reduced to sitting home and penning away with no audience. The hosts add a unique style and flavor to their events. So, check them out and support their events!



**Grace Loescher**  
Speak out  
Sacramento &  
Village  
Underground



## NSAA

Joe Montoya's poetry  
unplugged, Third Thursday,  
Mohogany Poetry Series



**HK Poet**  
Speak out  
Sacramento



**Khiry Malik**  
Mohogany Poetry Series



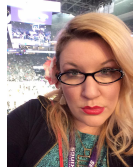
**Matthew Walsh**  
Speak out  
Sacramento



**Luke Tailor**  
Mohogany Poetry Series



**Cloe Cartel**  
Mohogany Poetry Series



**Jenny Lynn  
Davison**  
Joe Montoya's  
Poetry Unplugged &  
Sac Slam



**Penny Kline**  
Sacramento Poetry Center



**Wendy Williams**  
Sacramento Poetry Center



**MC Sho Nuff**  
Joe Montoya's  
poetry unplugged &  
Sac Slam



**Tim Kahl**  
Sacramento Poetry Center



**Graffiti Bleu**  
Rhythm & Poetry



**Frank Andrick**  
Joe Montoya's  
poetry unplugged



**Dante Pelayo**  
Oak Park open mic



**Geoffrey Neill**  
Joe Montoya's  
poetry unplugged



**Andru Defeye**  
Plugged: Open mic

# Sene Star

## The Adventures in Cellularvilla (PART 1)

“Hey, dude! Come check out the cool new app I’ve just downloaded,” Jim said. Jim is your normal everyday guy who loves the internet and junk food. His buddy, CharRon, isn’t your everyday guy. He instead loves health food and exercise.

“Okay, I’m coming.” CharRon walked over to “Wow! This is cool. But dude, you really need to start being healthy and living a good life,” CharRon said.

“I know. So, I’ll go start walking around the block... in a couple of days,” Jim replied.

“Okay, it’s your life. See you in a few days,” CharRon said, leaving the room.

By Friday, Jim was down in the dumps. He had to keep his promise but he just wasn’t ready to give up his life’s ambition. “Okay! Today, I’m going to do it. I’m going to be healthy. Wait, is that the new cellularvilla app?! I have to get it!” Jim exclaimed. So, he pressed the icon and started to download the application to his computer.

All of a sudden, the computer turned completely dark, and a portal arose into his bedroom. “Wow! I wonder what would happen if I poked my finger through it?” he said. As he poked his finger through the screen he was pulled through the screen.

“Help! Get me out of here!” he yelled as he disappeared into the hole.

Meanwhile, CharRon was making his way over to

Jim's, hoping that he was ready to go jogging with him.

"Oh, I hope he's getting ready. He really needs to get outside. Plus, I'm going to take to the new technology museum as a reward," CharRon thought.

When he arrived, he was surprised that Jim wasn't there. Then he noticed it. The black hole had grown and now it was humongous. "What has he done now? Jim? Jim, where are you?" CharRon called. As he was about to leave, he heard a call for help coming from inside the hole. "Oh, dear," he said, reaching into the hole. Then, as he tried to fish Jim out, he was sucked in too.

To be continued...

**To Langston**

(A reply to "To Artina" by Langston Hughes)

Rebecca Blanton

You have taken my heart  
You have taken my soul from my body  
As though you were my God  
I am fulfilled  
by the touch of your hand  
and sweet lips alone.  
You possess my heart  
and own my soul.  
You are God to me.

## IAMBIC WANTS YOU!

We are looking for local poets to contribute to Iambic. We want your poems, your events, coverage of poetry events, interviews with local poets, and all things poetry related.

If you are interested in contributing to the next edition of Iambic, please email [SeriousProduction@gmail.com](mailto:SeriousProduction@gmail.com) with "IAMBIC Contribution" in the subject line.

# Sacramento Poetry Calendar APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 2P Oak Park Open Mic	3 7:30P Sac Poetry Center	4	5 12-1P Woke Wednesday @Sac City College 8-11P Shout Out Sacramento @Shine 10P-1A Mahogany @Queen of Sheba \$5	6 8 PM Luna's Open Mic	7	8 8P Sol Collective Open Mic \$5
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Luna's 1414 16<sup>th</sup> Street; Oak Park Mic @33<sup>rd</sup> Street & Broadway outside; Queen of Sheba Café 1714 Broadway; Sac City College 2825 Freeport Blvd; Sac Poetry Center 1719 25<sup>th</sup> Street; Sol Collective, 2574 21<sup>st</sup> Street; Stellar Studios 202 23<sup>rd</sup> Street; Village Underground 4624 44<sup>th</sup> St.; **More**  
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