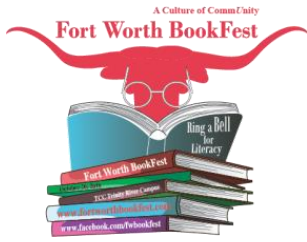


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A Culture of Community! 2nd Annual Fort Worth BookFest

SATURDAY, October 20, 2018 – TCC | Trinity River Campus
FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, 11:59 P.M.**

APPLICATION

Differences & Diversity Spoken Word Competition

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*Competition Piece Title _____

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Signature: _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Please e-mail Spoken Word Competition Application to fwbookfest2017@gmail.com.
Make your payment via credit card through our PayPal account USING THIS LINK ONLY:

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Fort Worth, TX 76112

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Fort Worth BookFest “*Differences & Diversity Spoken Word Competition*”

Important Information for the Competitor **READ THOROUGHLY AND COMPLETELY**

Fort Worth BookFest is committed to spotlighting the literary expressions of the cultures that make up the diverse communities of our City, and throughout the southwestern United States. We developed Fort Worth BookFest Spoken Word Competition as a platform for the up-and-coming poet to express their concept of each year’s BookFest theme. The 2nd Annual Fort Worth BookFest theme is “*Embracing Our Differences & Celebrating Our Diversity.*”

Internationally renowned spoken word artist, author, actor, and activist Michael (Mike) Guinn will facilitate the *Differences & Diversity Spoken Word Competition*. The Competition begins with a Creative Writing Workshop. Mike’s special guest is Christopher Michael, author of *Persona Non Grata*, and Nuclear Orange and publisher/owner of 310 Brown Street, founded to help performance poets’ transition into the literary art. ‘Open Mic,’ with MC Tarif, will present selected workshop participants during a short performance between the workshop and the competition. The *Differences & Diversity Spoken Word Competition* follows the Open Mic.

COMPETITION TOPIC

In the context of Fort Worth BookFest *Differences & Diversity Spoken Word Competition*, the definition of ‘culture’ includes Literature, Fashion, Music, Performance Arts including Dance, Theatre, etc., Artistic Expressions (Painting, Graphic Design, Sculpture, etc.), Cuisine or Food, Language, Customs, Rituals, and Holidays.

What does culture mean to you; how do you define it? How do you celebrate being who you are, (descendant from, your ancestral land, etc.)? Cultural Costumes are invited.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

We invite young adults eighteen (18) to thirty (30) to participate in our *Differences & Diversity Spoken Word Competition*. Individual entrants should be the author of the piece used in the competition and will compete for bragging rights as winner of the first ever “Fort Worth BookFest ‘Best Spoken Word Poet’ Award,” and includes a cash prize.

SUBMISSION of ENTRIES

Competition entries accepted from **September 1, 2018, 12:01 A.M. to Friday, September 28, 2018, 11:59 P.M.** Competition **entry fees are due with submission** of the entry; unless the entry fee accompanies your entry, the Judges will not consider the entry.

The entry fee is \$10. Mail check or money order to **Fort Worth BookFest, 6731 Bridge Street, #156, Fort Worth, TX 76112.** If paying via Pay Pal use the link on the application **ONLY** and the entry fee is \$12 (\$10 plus a \$2.00 transaction fee). **NO refunds given.**

Format your entry as a 3-minute video or audio demo and submit with a link to your YouTube or Vimeo video, an audio or video in a standard format via email to fwbookfest2017@gmail.com with “**Spoken Word Competition Entry**” in the subject line

and attach Page 1, only, of this application above to the email. Judges will reject entries received after the deadline. Submit only one (1) piece for the selection process. Prepare for advancement to additional rounds with sufficient pieces as you may perform each piece only once; however, Competitors do not have to perform the submitted piece in competition. We will delete all emailed entries by November 30, 2018.

SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Judges will narrow the entries to a group of selected competitors. Selected competitors will receive notification by October 12, 2018. Competitors must: 1) **Address the 2nd Annual Fort Worth BookFest theme: “Embracing Our Differences & Celebrating Our Diversity”**; 2) **Encapsulate the theme from a creative perspective**; 3) **Informing and entertaining a diverse audience in a unique manner**

The Judges may select additional participants from among those attending the Creative Writing Workshop to complete the complement of participants.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

This is a family-friendly event; please **refrain from using profanity or offensive language during your performance**. Performance time is a maximum of three (3) minutes, w/10-seconds grace. We invite entrants from all backgrounds (race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation/expression, national origin, socio-economic status, age, physical ability, religious or political belief, and other ideologies).

The Spoken Word Competition will last 1.5 – 2 hours and consist of three elimination rounds; four hours total from Writing Workshop to Competition. We invited multiples, including duos, trios, quartets, quintets to sign-up during the writing workshop to perform during the Open Mic session. The Spoken Word Competition is **open to single entrants only**. **No hand written prompts or electronic devices allowed on stage during the Competition**.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Attendance at the October 20, 2018 Open Mic and Spoken Word Competition, as with the Fort Worth BookFest, is **FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC**, held on TCC | Trinity River Campus, beginning at 1 p.m. Specific room location is TBD when the program schedule is completed.

Beginning with the Creative Writing Workshop, the Open Mic, preliminary rounds, semi-finals, and finals will follow progressively. We ask our spectators to embrace the experience and participate actively when prompted.

Please direct all questions regarding the Fort Worth BookFest, Creative Writing Workshop, Open Mic, or *Differences & Diversity Spoken Word Competition* to fwbookfest2017@gmail.com. We will respond within 24 hours.