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CINEMATIQUE CONTINUES LATE AND LOCAL SERIES

Cinematique will continue the popular LATE & LOCAL series on Saturday March 30 with a spoken word poetry slam.

The weekly series includes First Look Festival Films, Improv Comedy, Live Music, Cult Classic Cinema and the fifth Saturday of the month will feature a spoken word poetry slam. All shows start at 9:30 pm and are just \$5.

Poetry slams are an opportunity for poets to show off their talent in competition. Students from Bethune-Cookman University's Tongues of Fires spoken-word performances will be on hand to show off their often dramatic, rhythmic, high-energy poetry. The event will also include poets showcased in Bethune-Cookman History Professor Raphael Jackson's anthology, *Jackson's Temple*.

The March 30 poetry slam will feature a competition between an Orlando contingent of spoken-word poetry performers and Daytona area poets. But poets from the general public are encouraged to come and compete, too.

The competition is limited to 12 poets, early registration is suggested. In the first round, all 12 poets will compete. The second round will narrow their ranks to seven poets. Then, the judges will eliminate three more poets, so the fourth and final round will include four performers. First prize is \$50 Cash. Second prize a \$25 Cinematique gift certificate.

"We are interested in sponsoring a wide range of the arts," said Stephanie Mason-Teague, Cinematique's executive director. "A poetry slam night is a wonderful addition to our regular programming." Local poet, David Axelrod, director of the Creative Happiness Institute, will be there to emcee, assisted by noted Winter Park performance poet, Curtis Meyer.

The Cinematique Theater is located at the Riverfront Shops of Daytona Beach: 242 S. Beach Street. For more information and competition rules: www.cinematique.org. To register for the competition, contact Cinematique at 386-252-3118.