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CINEMATIQUE SLAMS POETS

On June 29, the Daytona Beach arts cinema, Cinematique, will continue a new series of 5th Saturday poetry slams at its 242 South Beach St. location. The competition, which begins at 9:30 p.m., is open to all spoken-word poets. First prize is \$50, while second prize is a \$25 Cinematique gift certificate. Admission for the evening is just \$5.

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

The June 29 poetry slam will feature a competition between an Orlando and Cocoa Beach contingents of spoken-word poetry performers and Daytona area poets. But poets from the general public are welcome to come and compete, too.

The first 12 poets to register will be allowed to participate in the poetry slam. 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.

"We are interested in sponsoring a wide range of the arts," said Stephanie Mason-Teague, Cinematique's executive director. "every fifth Saturday is dedicated a poetry slam night." Local poet, David Axelrod, director of the Creative Happiness Institute, will be there to emcee.

For more information, and to register for the competition, contact Cinematique at 386-252-3118.

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