

Black Writers On Tour 2009

POETRY JAM CONTEST

Saturday, May 2nd, 2009

Los Angeles Convention Center—1201 S. Figueroa Street—Los Angeles, California 90015

RULES & ENTRY FORM

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Cash Prizes

φ 1st Place Winner \$100.00 φ

φ 2nd Place Winner \$50.00 φ

φ 3rd Place Winner \$25.00 φ

Guidelines:

Contestant Categories

Ages 16 and Over

1. One poem only for contest
2. Performance limited to four (4) minutes
3. Profanity and vulgarity is not allowed
4. Poet responsible for own props or music
5. Performers not present when name called will be bump to end of segment (but not guaranteed performing opportunity if times runs out).

Areas of focus:

Stage Presence

Articulation - Gesturing (movement) - Eye Contact

Poems

Content – Creativity - Delivery

The scale for rating is 1-10 with 10 being the highest scoring. Points are deducted for the following:

- minimum or no restarts
- lengthy pauses
- going over time
- stopping and restarting

The Rules Are:

1. Do not use the word “**NIGGER.**”
2. Do not use “**PROFANITY.**”
3. Do not use “**SEXUALY EXPLICIT**” language

Anyone violating these rules will be automatically disqualified.

I fully understand the rules of the contest; and agree to follow the instructions as directed. I, also, further understand that if I do not follow the rules of the contest, I will be eliminated.

Contestant’s Signature: _____