

## Hip-Hop Can Find its Roots in Spoken Word

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Spoken word artists are a form of hip-hop and rap with out the beats. And as most of the 'beats' today are sounding more and more alike; the spoken word artist is an avenue to investigate for writing with true feeling and intense emotion. Remember before that producer laid the beat, there was a 'poem' wrote or a feeling exposed on paper. Many hip-hop and rap artists are also what you could call poets; the late west coast rap icon Tupac Shakur (2Pac) is one of the most famous.

With a strong following in the hip-hop community spoken word artists and poets are becoming a force on the scene. There is a new outlet for spoken word artists and poets at PoeticWorks. Meaningful and insightful writings grace the pages of this site.

Opportunities abound thru this site, not only for the artists and poets, but also for those who enjoy poetry and the spoken word.

PoeticWorks is honored to showcase some of the finest Spoken Word artist and poets in San Diego. PoeticWorks has poetry for everyone. Whether one enjoys reading poetry, listening to or performing spoken word, has a desire to publish one's own work, or one needs another avenue to sell already published work, this is definitely the right place. PoeticWorks pride ourselves in being a community based group of conscience poets with a common goal of empowering, strengthening and uniting the community that can best be achieved with the individual efforts of the collective group. Since PoeticWorks humble beginnings in August 2005, it has proven itself as an organization that can deliver an exceptional show filled with powerful, emotional, and remarkable Poets. Some of San Diego's premiere Spoken Word artists can frequently be seen performing at our events.

PoeticWorks also call to arms the Poets for the welfare and safety of our children. PoeticWorks has also established an event called CommonUnity Poetry designed to give the youth an opportunity to learn the art of Spoken Word by the finest that San Diego has to offer. Spoken Word Open Mics are held monthly to benefit the youth. All of the donations received from CommonUnity Poetry go directly to this Community Action Project. CommonUnity is held every 2d Wednesday and we are currently seeking a "home" for this event.

There is a new venue in the North County, Oceanside, Ca that also host a Spoken Word Open Mic. Beginning January 25, at Earth Culture Roots located at 105 S. Coast Highway,

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PoeticWorks will host a Spoken Word Open Mic from 8-10 pm. This event is free and open to the public and will be held every 4th Wednesday of the month.

PoeticWorks also has several other events throughout the following months that can be found on [WWW.POETICWORKS.COM](http://WWW.POETICWORKS.COM) Special Appearance page. You will also be able to see other local events in the San Diego area. A Community Calendar of Events will be put up shortly.

PoeticWorks also has a secure, online bookstore. Here one is able to purchase tickets to local events as well as buy books (CD's will soon be sold here) from artists and musicians. PoeticWorks also offers Poets and Artists the opportunity to sell books and CDs through the bookstore for a small fee.

PoeticWorks extends the invitation to take a look at what PoeticWorks has to offer.

Please check them out at [WWW.POETICWORKS.COM](http://WWW.POETICWORKS.COM)