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ARTISTS BATTLE IT OUT AT ANOTHER SPEAKOUT POETRY SLAM

Hamilton, Ontario, January 14th 2012 - SPEAKout Poetry is starting the new year with a SLAM! On January 14th SPEAKout Poetry, in collaboration with Cordoba House, will be hosting yet another slam at the Art Gallery of Hamilton in Hamilton, Ontario. Applications are open until December 19th 2011. If selected, artists will go on to battle it out, respectfully of course, for the first place cash prize of \$300. Secondary prizes include \$200 for second place and \$100 for third.

On July 24th 2009, a group of youth decided to hold the first SPEAKout Poetry slam at Ryerson University with a new and different mandate; that of inspiring respect, entertaining with a purpose and connecting communities. Since then, SPEAKout Slams have become the talk of the town with events happening everywhere from Kitchener to the Royal Ontario Museum.

SPEAKout Poetry, a not-for-profit organization has created a platform for artists of all ages, races, ethnicities and genders to show off their tongue twisting talents. SPEAKout offers these artists an arena to exchange ideas, initiate dialogue and challenge the status quo. At a time when people can't keep up with events gripping the world, people find a need to do their part in speaking out on issues that matter to them and voicing their opinions. SPEAKout builds on this need by providing people with an outlet as well as enabling them to connect with others on the basis of mutual respect and shared interests.

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If you'd like more information about SPEAKout Poetry or to apply to the upcoming slam please visit www.speakoutpoetry.com or email voice@speakoutpoetry.com.