

Langston Hughes Poetry Reading

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6TH ANNUAL LANGSTON HUGHES COMMUNITY POETRY READING

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February 2, 2014

Host: Rhonda Ward

Keynote Speaker: Carl Dean, Jr.

Carl Dean, Jr. is a poet and author of two books of poetry, *Rhythm* (2013), and *Life...Through the Words & Between the Lines* (2001). He is in his tenth year of teaching a performance poetry course at the University of Connecticut where he works as an Academic Counselor. His poetry is featured in an Essence Magazine former bestseller novel, *Mama's Baby, Daddy's Maybe*, by Jamise Dames. He is a Connecticut Poetry Out Loud Teaching Artist preparing high school students for school and state competitions. For many years, Carl hosted a monthly open mic poetry event dedicated to inner-city middle-school students. The program was designed to guide and encourage the students to come out of their comfort zone and express themselves through their poetry. He has performed at various poetry venues, literary and community events for various causes, high schools, universities, youth centers, and correctional facilities. Carl, a self-taught percussionist of the djembé (African drum) and cajon, often infuses their dynamic sounds into his performances.

Reader	Poem
Mary Posner	"Jazz" "What Makes it So Hot"
Rey Cruz	"Poème d'Automne" "Heart"
Dot Eames	"Teacher" "Old Age" "Christmas Eve"
Jim Coleman & Helen Coleman	"Jazz, Jive and Jam" (story from Jessie B Simple Collection)
James Stizel	
Robin Vinton	"Midwinter Blues" "Summer Night"
Joanie DiMartino	"Harlem Sweeties"
Dante DiMartino	"Death of an Old Seaman"
Allison Ives	
Gretchen Higgins	
Rhonda Ward	
Melanie Greenhouse	"Trumpet Player"
Camilla Ross	
James Stidfole	
Bianca Mattera	
Nancy Otter	"Let America Be America Again"
Frederick D. Knowles	
Lisa Giordano	"Silence" and "Helen Keller"
Porsche Bostick	"As I Grew Older"
Meaghan McNabney & Hannah McNabney	"Spring Rain"



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