



THOUGHTS IN RHYME

Spoken Word Poetry Workshop & Open Mic



Originally from Washington DC, Anthony (Tony) Keith, Jr., PhD. is an award-winning Black, gay, spoken word artist, poet, essayist, and Hip-Hop educator. He is a multi-year fellow and grantee of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and former director of non-profit organizations in Washington DC that provides youth leadership and development programs for DC public school students. Dr. Keith is former multicultural administrator and professor of cultural studies at the University of the District of Columbia, Penn State University, and the University of North Carolina Charlotte. He holds a BA in Education from the University of MD College Park, an M.Ed from Penn State University, and a PhD in Education Leadership from George Mason University, where his dissertation won an outstanding award. Currently, he is Founder and CEO of Ed Emcee Academy, an educational consulting company for poets, spoken word artists, rappers, and emcees.

Crystal Leigh Endsley, Ph D. is an internationally renowned spoken word artist. Dr. Crystal Leigh is an award-winning poet, performer, and professor, and works to serve her community as an artist, advocate, and academic. She was honored with the 2016 and 2021 Distinguished Teaching Award at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. Since 2015, she has co-directed the Girls Speak Out! performance at the United Nations each October under the auspices of the Working Group on Girls. From New Orleans to Hawassa Ethiopia, from Soweto to the Bronx, and beyond, Crystal Leigh's project for more than a decade has been to connect global youth to each other through spoken word poetry and performance.

Thursday, April 28, 2022
Jones Hall | Larricia Cultural Collaboration Room (first floor)
5:00–8:00 pm
FREE FOOD AND DRINKS SERVED

