

# Come to WOW!

# Poetry Slam

## Skyline College

“...I wanna write a poem that slams.”

*National Slam Champion Stacy-Ann Chin*

**WHAT?** A competitive spoken-word event. Mix poetry with a tournament and an audience that shouts out what it likes – you’ve got a slam! Bring your rants, love poems, political poems, your i-don’t care-about anything poems, and join us at the Slam!

### **WHO? YOU?**

Slammers! Baby slammers, wanna-be slammers, and I-don’t-know-if-I-wanna-be-a-slammer-but-I think-I might slammers. And even you but-I’m-not-really-a-slammer slammers!

**DO WHAT?** Spit your game. Roar and whisper. Let the words roll off your tongue like a ribbon of honey. Rolling and tumbling like boulders come to crush us. Rolling as lines on a page never do!

**AND YOU TOO!** Come hear it! Slammers need you - will you respond and heed the call? We need you to listen, snap, clap, cheer, stamp your feet, get pumped.

**SLAM RUN BY** Emcee Meliza Banales, Oakland slam champion and first Latina in the West to win a Slam. [www.melizabanales/myspace.com](http://www.melizabanales/myspace.com)

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# WHAT? SAY HOW?

## PRIZES FOR WINNERS!

### WHAT IS A POETRY SLAM?

You perform your poetry, and the audience decides who comes out on top. Sign up at the 2:30 p.m. slam and be ready to compete.

### HOW IS A SLAM RUN?

Emcee Meliza Bañales will choose judges from the audience, who will score each poet and decide who goes on to the next round, helped by a timekeeper and scorekeeper.

### HOW IS A POETRY SLAM DIFFERENT FROM AN OPEN MIKE?

This IS NOT another poetry reading; slam is all about audience participation. Poets at a slam perform and compete aggressively. Poets at an open mike read off the page and do not compete.

### WHAT KIND OF POETRY SHOULD I READ AT THE WOW! SLAM?

Pretty much anything goes. If you don't win them over, they'll vote for someone else, so pick your poems to win! Clue: Slam audiences like hot, edgy poems that SOUND.

### WHAT ARE THE RULES?

- Anyone can join in by signing up with the host.
- Each poem must be original.
- Each poet is given 3 minutes and 10 seconds.  
Points will be deducted for over time.
- Audiences can call out which poets they want to hear again.
- Judges will score each poet (1-10) based on content and performance to decide who will move to the next round.

**NEED TO KNOW MORE?** Go to [www.daniland.com](http://www.daniland.com) (Berkeley Slam) or [www.poetryslam.com](http://www.poetryslam.com) (official site of The National Poetry Slam).

### SO WHAT IS WOW!?

The WOW! Women on Writing Conference is an all day event at Skyline College, San Bruno. Take workshops in how to write mystery writing, fantasy, poetry, articles, children's books, how to read/perform your work, **and more.**

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