

Boston POETRY SLAM

Poetry in July @ the Cantab Lounge

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Wednesday, July 2 — Boston Poetry Slam co-founder, winningest slam competitor ever, and honest-to-metaphor firework **Patricia Smith** will return to the Cantab tonight for a special summer holiday feature. Lauded by critics as “a testament to the power of words to change lives,” Patricia is the author of six acclaimed poetry volumes and the winner of a near-ridiculous amount of poetry awards. Get your life right and show up early to get in for this feature. *No poetry slam tonight.*

Wednesday, July 9 — **Nathan Comstock** has been writing for years, but didn't discover spoken word poetry until he moved to Boston from his hometown of Indianapolis. He is now a fixture at the Cantab's open mic and the Untitled Open Mic in Lowell, which he represented at the National Poetry Slam in 2013. Nathan offers up poetry that's upbeat, funny, often geeky and often in formal verse, including what may well be the Cantab's favorite-ever villanelles. *Sixth open poetry slam in the 8x8 series.*

Wednesday, July 16 — Right in the heart of our summer of slam falls our second **NorthBEAST Regional Team Slam**, featuring **Urbana-NYC, Port Veritas, Slam Free or Die, and the Lizard Lounge!** With just a few weeks left until the National Poetry Slam in Oakland, California, local teams will be putting the final touches on their A-game. Come get a look-see at what the NorthBEAST is bringing to NPS 2014. **\$5 cover tonight to fundraise for the home team's trip to NPS.**

Wednesday, July 23 — After nearly a decade of sharing his “kinda funny, often poignant narratives) at the Cantab, lovely co-host **Kevin Spak** is making Denver his new home. Welcome him back for a brief and poignant farewell to this host of the Encyclopedia Show Somerville, coach of the Emerson College Slam Team, and executive producer of SlamCenter. Tonight, Kevin will be presenting an all-new feature-length murder mystery, with every poem giving the audience a look into the mind of a different suspect. *Seventh open poetry slam in the 8x8 series.*



Wednesday, July 30 — It's time to send off the 2014 Boston Poetry Slam Team! **Janae Johnson, Omoizele Okoawo, Sean Patrick Mulroy, Meaghan Ford, and Melissa Newman-Evans** will take a full hour to entertain and delight before heading off to compete at the National Poetry Slam in Oakland. **\$5 cover charge. No slam tonight.**

All events at the Cantab Lounge, 738 Mass Ave. in Central Square

8:00 open mic * 10:00 featured poet * 11:00 poetry slam

\$3 cover (unless noted), 18+, picture ID required

Can't get enough Boston Poetry Slam? Visit us at Moonlighting at Fazenda in JP, featuring Chloé Cunha July 3 and Sarah Lynn Herklots August 7!