

# Boston POETRY SLAM

## Poetry in January @ the Cantab Lounge

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**Wednesday, January 7** — Poet and activist **Rachel McKibbens** is a New York Foundation for the Arts poetry fellow and author of two critically acclaimed full-length volumes of poetry, as well as the chapbook *MAMMOTH* (Organic Weapon Arts, 2014). Regarded as one of the most dynamic poetry readers in the country, McKibbens is a nine-time National Poetry Slam team member (including a stint with the Boston Poetry Slam in 2011), the 2009 Women of the World Poetry Slam champion and the 2011 NUPIC champion. *Eighth and final open poetry slam in the 8x8 series.*

**Wednesday, January 14** — **Pages Matam** is a multidimensional creative writing and performance artist, residing in the D.C. metro area, but originally from Cameroon, Africa. He is an author, educator, activist, playwright, host, event organizer, award-winning slam poet, and his greatest accomplishment, a father. This self-described gummy bear elitist and bow-tie enthusiast returns after a successful spotlight feature to show off a full journey in this headliner spot. *Champion of Champions poetry slam: Sean Patrick Mulroy defends his title.*

**Wednesday, January 21** — **Jason Carney**, a poet, writer, and educator from Dallas, Texas, is a four-time National Poetry Slam Finalist, honored as a Legend of the Slam in 2007. He appeared on three seasons of the HBO television series Russell Simmons' Def Poets. A graduate of Wilkes University MFA Program for Creative Writing, where he was an honored winner of the Etruscan Prize, the Bergman Foundation Scholarship, and the Norris Church-Mailer Scholarship. His memoir, *Starve the Vulture*, is new for January 2015. *Last Chance Slam for the 2015 BPS slam team.*



**Wednesday, January 28** — The Cantab's Team Selection Slams have always been the venue's biggest, wildest poetry slams of the season. For 2015, for the first time, the venue will split the rowdy preliminary slam into two separate sessions, with the January event being the first prelim pool of two. Twelve poets will slam off at **Part One of the Team Selection Slam Preliminaries** tonight, with six advancing to semi-finals in February. *\$5 cover charge tonight to help send the 2015 to the National Poetry Slam in Oakland, California this August!*

**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**  
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**at Fazenda Coffee Roasters in JP on January 8 and February 5!**