

# 2023 Cantabulations

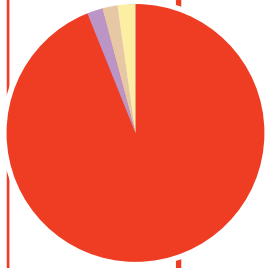
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## In 2023: 51 Wednesdays of Poetry

IN 2023, THE BOSTON POETRY SLAM HOSTED 51 POETRY NIGHTS. 49 OF THEM HAPPENED DOWNSTAIRS AT THE CANTAB LOUNGE,

- 1: UPSTAIRS AT THE CANTAB,
- 1: OUTSIDE AT STARLIGHT SQUARE.
- 1: CANCELED DUE TO THE CANTAB BASEMENT BEING FLOODED!

All shows took place in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

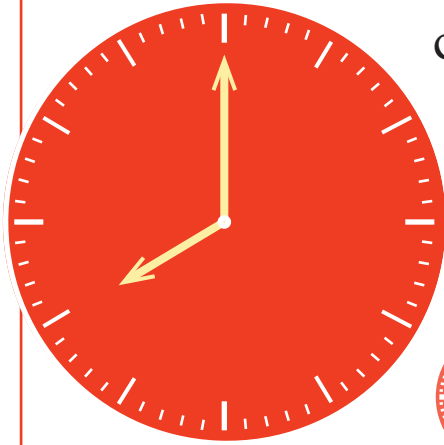


# 30.4

THERE WERE AN AVERAGE OF 30.4 READERS ON THE OPEN MIC EACH NIGHT, WITH THE MOST BEING 39, AND THE FEWEST BEING 23.

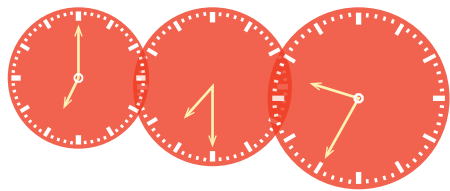
THE WORLD HAS YET TO KNOW WHAT THE "F" STANDS FOR. ASK, AND YE SHALL BREAK THE SPELL OF MYSTERY.

NOTE: ZERO MYSTERY. HOW BORING.



OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SHOW BEGAN BETWEEN 7:58 PM AND 8:04 PM A TOTAL OF 48 TIMES.

There were two early shows that started at 7:00 PM and 7:32 PM, and one later show that started at 9:48 PM.



THERE WERE 10 QUALIFYING AND/OR TEAM-SELECTION POETRY SLAMS IN 2023. We also had 8 themed shows: Poetry Theatre Night, The Haiku Tournament, The Pokemon Slam, The Dead Poets' Slam, The Late Night "Truth or Dare" Open Mic, The Chaos vs. Order Slam, The Love vs. Death Slam, and The 20 Questions Slam.

## THE 2023 STAFF OF THE BOSTON POETRY SLAM

CONSISTED OF... Myles Taylor, Michael F. Gill, Kat Anderson, Amy Argentar, Zeke Russell, Aparna Paul, Nayeli Mzín, Briana Crockett, Alex Kist, Jackie Barnes, and Katya Zinn. **Special thanks to outgoing staff members Dawn Gabriel, Sam Cha, and Jimmy Pavlick.**

Our regular bartender is Adam Mandell!

# 5 - 12 min.

## THE 2023 OPENING SPIEL LASTED BETWEEN 5 & 12 MINUTES.

On average, the smoking section (where the staff reads their own work) started at 9:30 PM, but has started as early as 9:03 PM and as late as 9:45 PM.

ON AVERAGE, THE OPEN MIC ENDED AT 9:55 PM, with the earliest ending being at 9:11 PM, and the latest ending being 10:16 PM. The break between the open mic and the feature lasted an average of 16.04 minutes.

On average, our Wednesday show ended at 10:55 PM, with the earliest finish at 10:06 PM, and the latest finish at 11:41 PM.



## 2023 BOSTON POETRY SLAM TEAM:

Aparna Paul, Kai Wallin, Skylar Sweet Cheeks, Logan Lopez, & Arielle Gray. *The team was Northeast Regional Finalists, finishing in 4th place.*

After 8 open slams and 1 tournament, our 2023 Haiku champion was Aparna Paul, who defeated March Penn 9 to 8 after they both went head-to-head for 17 rounds!

## THE AVERAGE TOTAL ATTENDANCE WAS 80.98 PEOPLE PER WEDNESDAY,

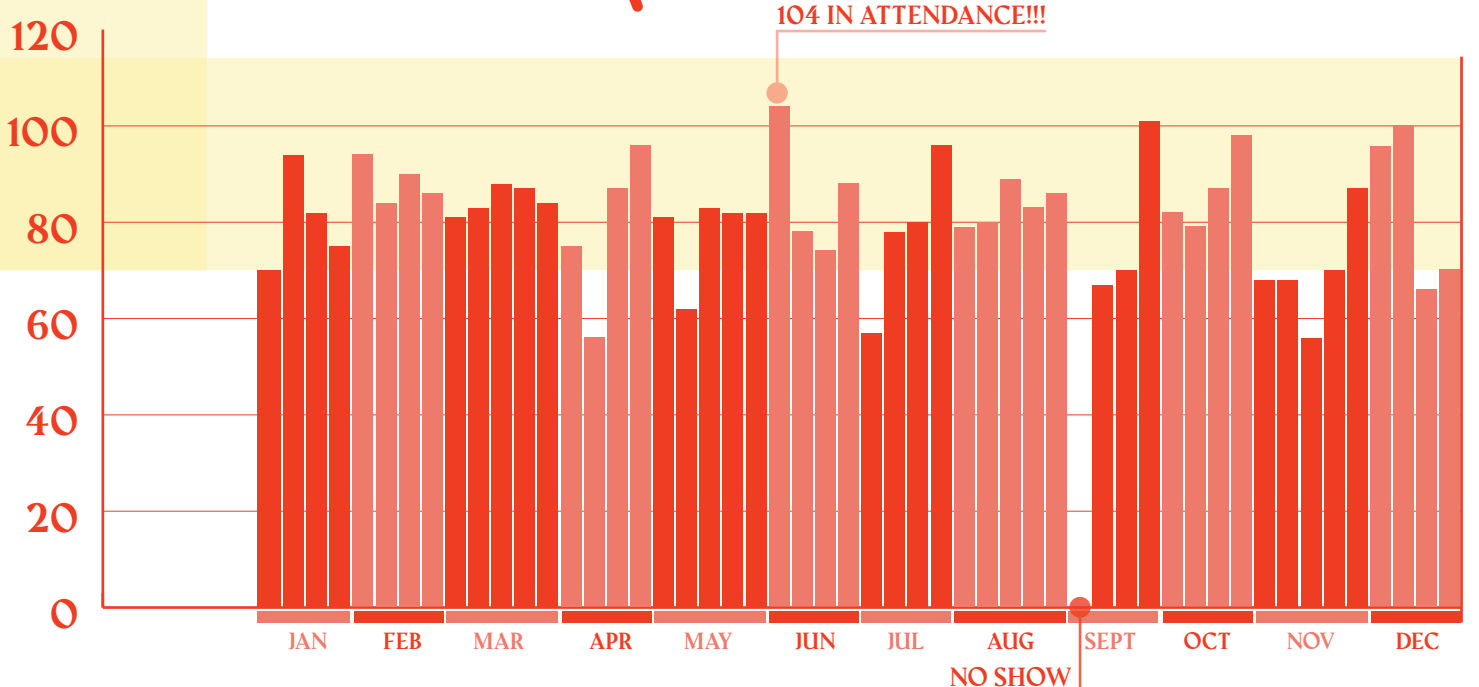
with three shows having 100 or more people coming in & out throughout the night. *Thank you to the door staff of BPS and The Cantab Lounge for monitoring the occupancy of our show, and making sure it never exceeds its legal capacity!*

**WE RESPECT THE FIRE CODE.**



## Boston Poetry Slam Attendance

Total head-count from every show in 2023. This graph is not representative of the total number of people in the venue at one time, as some poets leave the show early while others arrive late...



## There were 34 featured poets at our shows in 2023:

JOHN PAUL DAVIS,  
MARIAMA SAVAGE,  
DOMINIQUE "MO" DURDEN,  
CHEN CHEN,  
RICKY ORNG,  
JARVIS SUBIA,  
CATHERINE WEISS,  
KAREN GARRABRANT,  
PATRICK ROCHE,

EL EVELYN,  
KRISTIAN MACARON,  
YEHYA BARAKAT,  
JEFF MCDANIEL,  
HANIF ABDURRAQIB,  
MAYA WILLIAMS,  
YENA SHARMA PURMASIR,  
ESSMAA LITIM,  
LETTA NEELY,

ZEE STEWART,  
RYAN PHUNG,  
BILLY TUGGLE,  
DAMIAN RUCCI,  
JOSHUA NGUYEN,  
COURTNEY LEBLANC,  
JIMMY PAVLICK,  
SARA EVE FERMIN,  
MATTHEW E. HENRY,

ANTHONY FEBO,  
KRYSTEN HILL,  
REN L[I]U,  
ZEKE RUSSELL,  
MYLES TAYLOR,  
JESS RIZKALLAH,  
&  
PHILLIP HASOURIS.

## It's a difficult task to list all the regular readers, listeners, and visitors

who came to our venue in 2023, but after looking at our open mic sign-up sheets from the past year, here's our attempt at listing all the poets that visited or shared their work with us frequently. It's in alphabetical order and does not include the previously listed names! Our 2023 reading community includes:

ADAM Z,  
ALLIE BURKE,  
AMALIENA,  
AMY SEE,  
ARIADNE,  
ASH S,  
BEN TOLKIN,  
BINX,  
BOB COHEN,  
BUBBLES,  
C.S. TAYLOR,  
CAM G,  
CAMERON V,  
CAROLINE BELISLE,  
CASEY J,  
CHARLIE R,  
CHARLIE V,  
CHRIS RYE,  
COLIN KILLICK,  
D. DONNA,  
DANIEL LETONA,  
DANK THE POET,  
DANNY RIORDAN,

DAVID SHERMAN,  
DAZ,  
DEEBS,  
DEIRDRE MCCARTHY,  
EBEN BEIN,  
EDDY MARTINEZ,  
ELI KANE,  
ELLA Q,  
EMBER,  
EMERY VOLPE,  
EMMANUEL  
OPPONG-YEBOAH,  
EREN PETERSON,  
FLORIAN KNOLLMANN,  
FRANK,  
GUNNAR HECKLER,  
HALLIE CARTON,  
HYDER H,  
ISAIAH N,  
J.R MAHUNG,  
J.V. SMOOVE,  
JACK CHASSE,  
JACQ RODERICK,

JADE KLEINER,  
JARED HAUGHTON,  
JENNA C,  
JENNIFER MARTINEZ,  
KAITIE DILAN,  
KAT GUNTHER,  
KEATON HOWL,  
KELSEY KESSLER,  
KRIS CHO,  
LILLIE C,  
LIP MANEGIO,  
LOU B,  
LYNNETTE R,  
MARCH PENN,  
MARIAM PARACHA,  
MCKENDY FILS-AIME,  
MEAGHAN FORD,  
MEIRA T,  
MEREDITH LAKIS,  
M-ZILLA,  
NAMRATHA,  
NICK ROBERTS,  
NILYA,

OLIVER B,  
OSAMA BROSH,  
OTTO VOCK,  
PETE WILLETTE,  
RAEHEL SEGAL,  
RINA,  
RIVER V,  
s.m. DECKER,  
SAM BUCCI,  
SARA H,  
SARAH KING,  
SHANNON RUSSO,  
SHAWN DERMER,  
SIMON GINET,  
SIRAJ ALI,  
SRAMANA,  
SUE SAVOY,  
TJ JONES,  
TORI P,  
VAUGHN S,  
WIDDERSHINS,  
WILL FLORES,  
& YOUSSEF M.

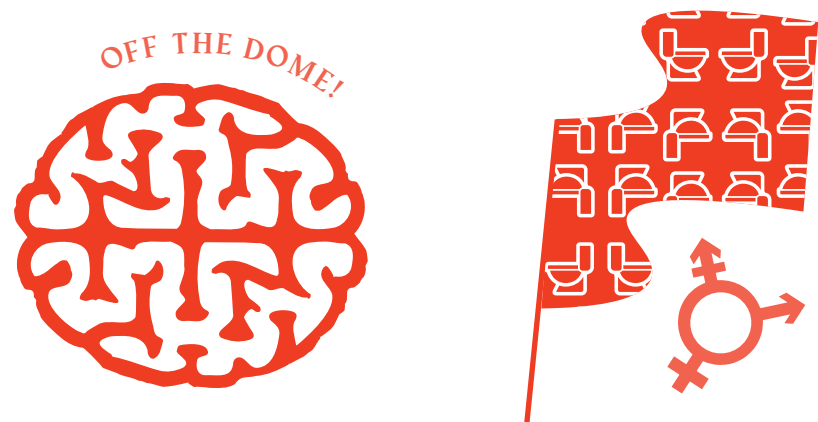
## New stats we are aiming to track in 2024:

- # OF LANGUAGES SPOKEN
- # OF GROUP PIECES PERFORMED
- # OF TIMES A POET READS ON THE OPEN MIC OR SLAM
- # OF FIRST TIMERS ON THE OPEN MIC

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frescos  
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## Other stats we have considered tracking:

- # OF TIMES THE SHOW HAS SOLD OUT
- # OF POEMS RECITED FROM MEMORY



- # OF GENDERS THAT ARE BATHROOM-NEUTRAL
- # OF SIGNIFICANT LOOKS GIVEN TO POETS WHOSE OPEN-MIC POEMS GO OVER THREE MINUTES

SIGNIFICANT LOOK » {  }

- # OF "FRESH VEGETABLES" SERVED EACH WEEK
- # OF TIMES A POET READ THE SECOND HALF OF THEIR POEM THE FOLLOWING WEEK/MONTH/YEAR
- # OF TIMES THE FRONT AND/OR BATHROOM DOOR HAD TO BE DROP-KICKED OPEN
- # OF TIMES A POET'S INTRODUCTION TO THEIR POEM WAS LONGER THAN THEIR ACTUAL WORK
- # OF TIMES THE HOST HAD TO REMIND ATTENDEES THAT THE BACK STAIRS ARE HAUNTED BY THE GHOST OF A RAT KING, AND THAT THEY MUST VACATE THAT AREA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AFTER THE FEATURED POET ANNOUNCED THE COST OF THEIR BOOK, THE # OF TIMES THE CROWD RESPONDED IN UNISON WITH "ONLY \_\_\_ DOLLARS?! YOU CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO BUY IT!"

IF KNOWLEDGE IS CURRENCY, THAT'S A DAMN FINE EXCHANGE RATE!



IS THERE A STAT YOU'D LIKE US TO COUNT? IS YOUR NAME MISSING, MISSPELLED, OR WRONG? FOR THIS, AND ALL OTHER QUERIES, PLEASE TALK TO A STAFF MEMBER OR EMAIL QUESTIONS@BOSTONPOETRYSLAM.COM ♥