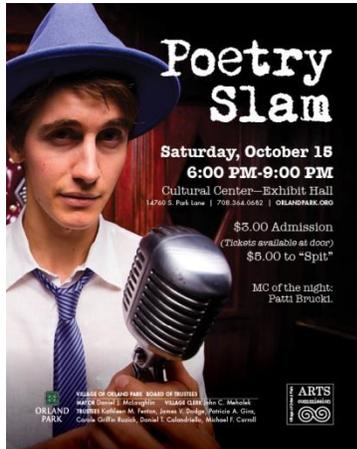


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Village Arts Commission Hosts Inaugural Poetry Slam



Bring your best imagery and rhymes to the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission's first-ever Poetry Slam on Saturday, October 15.

Open to poets both young and old, the Poetry Slam runs from 6- 9 p.m. in the exhibit hall of the village's Cultural Center, 14760 S. Park Lane. The cost is \$3 to attend and \$5 to participate or "spit."

The Arts Commission is hosting its first-ever poetry slam as a way to explore the many types of art expression.

"The Arts Commission wanted to bring events that appeal to a wider audience, gearing more events for the younger generation," said Jean Petrow, the program supervisor for the village's Recreation Department who serves as the staff liaison to the commission.

Patti Brucki will be the night's emcee. Brucki teaches in District 205, runs many poetry and speech events and was named "coach of the year" for coaching various speech and poetry events.

All poetry content must be PG-13, and prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants. A panel of judges will determine the winners.

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