

# The DC Poet Project

## Poetry Reading and Open Mic “Celebrating Essex Hemphill”

Are you a poet? Come read at the open mic Saturday March 9 for a chance at a hundred dollar cash prize, and selection as a finalist in the DC Poet Project! One open mic reader will be awarded a \$100 cash prize, and invitation to compete in the final event May 11 for a book contract including \$1000 cash prize. To reserve an open mic spot visit [DayEight.org](http://DayEight.org) or sign up at the beginning of the event.

This is a special DC Poet Project event celebrating DC poet Essex Hemphill and featuring poets Regie Cabico and C. Thomas.



Regie Cabico won The Nuyorican Poets Cafe Grand Slam and top prizes in three National Poetry Slams. His television credits include two seasons of HBO's Def Poetry Jam, NPR's Snap Judgement and MTV's Free Your Mind. His work appears in over 30 anthologies and The Kenyon Review called Regie the "Lady Gaga of Poetry."



C. Thomas has blasted his story at Studio 2001 Art Gallery, Busboys and Poets, Angelina College, Howard University, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Journey of Faith United Methodist Church, and was named a Pioneer of Poetry in 2015 in the National Underground Spoken Word Poetry Awards.

**The RISE Center**

2730 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE

**Saturday, March 9**

**1:00 p.m | Adults**

