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Biography of the Producer

Simone Beaubien is a performance poet and organizer originally from Chelmsford, Mass. She has been performing at open mics and poetry slams since 1999, including weekly at the Boston Poetry Slam since taking the helm in 2004. A National Poetry Slam finalist in 2008, she has performed at local poetry slam venues and universities from coast to coast, including two Encyclopedia Shows in Providence, R.I. and Omaha, Neb. Her poem One-Watt lover was performed by John Malkovich as part of Jacob Marshak's *Unsent Letters* compilation. She has also competed at a national level in pinball and Ultimate Frisbee, and works as a paramedic in the greater Boston area.

Current Affiliations

Boston Poetry Slam at the Cantab Lounge, Cambridge

2004 — present

SlamMaster, MC, Booking Agent

The Cantab Lounge is an internationally known venue for slam poetry and spoken word. The SlamMaster is responsible for relations with Poetry Slam, Inc., booking weekly headlining poets for the venue, budgeting, slam series (including annual team selection), maintenance of bostonpoetryslam.com, and weekly hosting of the venue's open mic, featured poet, and poetry slam.

Encyclopedia Show: Somerville, Somerville

2012 — present

Director, Producer, Performer

The Encyclopedia Show is a franchised vaudeville-style show that invites poets, musicians, comics, and other performing artists to compose new and original work for an age-integrated, genre-defiant variety event. Direction and production include artist selection and invitation, monthly promo, cast meeting and plot work, and communication with the originating Chicago show.

Selected Previous Production Experience

2011 and 2013 National Poetry Slam, Boston/Cambridge/Somerville

Apr 2009 — Aug 2013

Host City Director

The National Poetry Slam is the world's largest team poetry slam competition, overseen by Poetry Slam, Inc. and held annually in a different city each August. The Host City Director is responsible for all local operations for the event, including: booking venues for the five days and 75-plus competitions, showcases, and open mics of the festival; directing promotional efforts to bring audience to the different portions of the event; hospitality and registration for more than 300 competing poets; budgeting and expense control; and artistic control of the local event package. Served as local director for the 2011 and 2013 72-team, 350-plus-poet events that drew more than 8,000 spectators each to the 100-plus shows over the five-day festivals. Featured press included interviews featured on WGBH Radio, NPR's On Point, WBZ's The Sports Hub, and the AP newswire, as well as local coverage from the Somerville Scout, Worcester Telegram, Weekly Dig Boston, and The Boston Globe.

NorthBEAST Regional Poetry Slam, various venues

2007 — present

Founder, Tournament Director, two-time host

The NorthBEAST Regional is an invitational team poetry slam event held annually in New England. Local teams are given preference to compete in this two-day event featuring a regional qualifier for the National Poetry Slam and an individual slam title. The Tournament Director is responsible for selecting teams for the event, hospitality for traveling poets and entourage, and assisting the hosting city with press and promotion. The host city is responsible for booking venues and disseminating promotional materials.

Annual Events

Boston's First Night, Boston, Mass.

since 2004

Bookings and hosting for five family-friendly poetry slams as part of the annual New Year's Eve celebration in the city.

Attleboro Arts Museum Poetry Slam, Attleboro, Mass.

since 2007

Bookings, hosting, and promotion for annual youth poetry workshops, youth poetry slam, and all-star adult poetry slam.

Newburyport Literary Festival Youth Poetry Slam, Newburyport, Mass.

since 2006

Hosting for the annual youth slam as part of the citywide Literary Festival.