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First Ever Writer's Digest Poetry Slam- Get Loud in NYW on September 18

July 16, 2009 Cincinnati, Ohio—Attendees of the **Writer's Digest Conference: The Business of Getting Published** will take over the Bowery Poetry Club on Friday, September 18, 2009 for the **First Annual Writers Digest Poetry Slam**. Presented by the publisher of the *Poet's Market* directories, the evening will feature three rounds of original poetry. Participants will vie to win prizes and ultimately to be chosen as the evening's Slam Champion.

Accomplished poet and poetry slam veteran **Guy LeCharles Gonzalez** will host the show. Gonzales was a member of the 1998 National Poetry Slam Champions, representing the Nuyorican Poets Café. He is the founder and host of the acclaimed "a little bit louder" reading series, now known as louderARTS. Gonzales also co-authored *Burning Down the House* (Soft Skull Press, 2000) and launched *Spindle Magazine* (spindlezine.com), a NYC-centric online literary journal. Currently, he writes about old and new media with a marketing slant at <http://loudpoet.com>.

The poetry slam is the opening night entertainment feature of the first annual **Writer's Digest Conference: The Business of Getting Published**. Registration is now open for the three-day event September 18-20, 2009 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square, New York. The **Writer's Digest Conference: The Business of Getting Published** offers sessions on self-publishing, social media usage, online sales, marketing, platform and other related topics, presented by today's proponents of new media. Plus, each attendee gets a 15-minute personal appointment with an editorial professional to discuss their query letter, book proposal or self-published book. The star-studded roster of speakers includes: Mike Shatzkin, April Hamilton, Chris Brogan, Kassia Kroszer, David Mathison and other publishing, social media and marketing experts. A complete list of speakers and events can be found online at www.writersdigestconference.com.

The First Annual Writer's Digest Poetry Slam begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 18. The Bowery Poetry Club is located at 308 Bowery, between Houston and Bleecker. Full details and registration information can be found online at www.writersdigestconference.com.