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## Spoken Word Artists and Authors Showcase at Dayton Book Expo 2012

Dayton, Ohio - On Saturday, April 28, 2012, authors from across the nation will gather for the third annual Dayton Book Expo. In addition to book signings, the one-day expo will feature panel discussions for aspiring authors, spoken word, activities for children in the Kidz Zone and featured child author, Kristina Cardoza. The event will be held from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Great Hall at Sinclair Community College's Ponitz Conference Center, 444 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402. The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.



LaTonya Branham, Dayton Book Expo co-founder, says, "The new genre at the expo this year is poetry. In addition to having several authors of poetry, we incorporated a spoken word session to showcase meter and rhyme." Poetry in Motion, founded by local artist, Chris Wiley, is sponsoring this portion of the expo. From noon to 1:00 PM, area poets and two Dayton Book Expo authors will bring life to the written word with inflections, movements and unique expressions. "With Dayton being the birthplace of poet laureate, Paul Laurence Dunbar, spoken word was a natural fit for the Dayton Book Expo."

### Chris Wiley

Chris, who uses the gift of poetry to articulate personal testimonies, says, "The only way we can help one another is to open up and express what's on our hearts. I have always been passionate about writing, but it wasn't until my undergraduate studies that I decided to expose my work to the world." Chris recently completed a tour in which he featured in shows from Florida to Pennsylvania. When he's not on stage, he can be found in classrooms, coffee shops, writing workshops and other locations reciting original poetry with his distinctive style.



Valerie J. Lewis Coleman, Dayton Book Expo co-founder, says, "Some poetry can be so intimately connected to the author that its exclusivity alienates others. If the listener cannot relate to the message, the listener cannot benefit from the message. Chris has mastered the ability to make his story relevant, tap into your inner person and, as a result, has amassed a significant fan base."

### Attending Authors

In addition to poets, the following authors will be autographing copies of their books at the Dayton Book Expo:

Andrea Attaway-Young	<i>A Secret Treasure</i>	Dayton	OH
Andrea Foy	<i>Hire Power: How to Find, Get and Keep a Job</i>	Dayton	OH
Charlotte Brown	<i>When the Power Goes Out</i>	Dayton	OH
Daisy Peterson	<i>The Love of a Faith-Filled Child</i>	Dayton	OH
Dexter Bailey	<i>All In: Creating Success from Within</i>	Dayton	OH
Gail Miller	<i>True Love Has a Passion for You</i>	Dayton	OH
litishia Hester	<i>God is Calling</i>	Dayton	OH
Jeffrey Spieles	<i>In Sherman's Path</i>	Dayton	OH
Kristina Cardoza	<i>Pinky Bunny's First Day of Kindergarten</i>	Dayton	OH
LaTonya Branham	<i>CultureSeek</i>	Dayton	OH
Linda Hawkins	<i>Yes, Real Women Do Sweat</i>	Dayton	OH
Linda Pauley	<i>Effective Immediately...This Company is Closed!</i>	Dayton	OH
Lyman Montgomery	<i>Shattered Masks</i>	Dayton	OH
Marcella Ashe	<i>Granny Says</i>	Dayton	OH
Ruth Ann Peck	<i>Rowing Through the Night</i>	Dayton	OH
Valerie J. Lewis Coleman	<i>Self-Publishing Made Easy</i>	Dayton	OH
Chanell Howard	<i>Hibernation "Exploration of a Woman"</i>	Cincinnati	OH
Eileen Thomas	<i>Child of Naught</i>	Cincinnati	OH
Gregory B. Williams	<i>Brotherhood</i>	Cincinnati	OH
Wendy Hart Beckman	<i>Communication Tools Made Easy</i>	Cincinnati	OH
Is Said	<i>I Been Here Before</i>	Columbus	OH
Maribeth Norman	<i>The Edge of His Garment</i>	Columbus	OH
Roxanne Fredd	<i>If the Drugs Don't Get U the Lifestyle Will</i>	Columbus	OH
Tiana Washington	<i>Crescent Sun</i>	Columbus	OH
Melissa Staehli	<i>I Love You to the Moon</i>	Cuyahoga Falls	OH
India Williams	<i>The Real Hoodwives of Detroit</i>	Fairfield	OH
James L. Robinson	<i>From Delinquent to Disciple</i>	Liberty Township	OH
Jason Daniels	<i>Get Off the Gerbil Wheel</i>	Perrysburg	OH
Larry Hamilton	<i>Between Two Suns: The Berean Experience</i>	Piqua	OH
Aileen Stewart	<i>Fern Valley - A Collection of Short Stories</i>	Shelby	OH
Brian Reid	<i>The Curve Ball - The History of the Negro Baseball League</i>	Los Angeles	CA
Deondrea Cantrice	<i>When Emotions Lie</i>	Aurora	CO
Toneal Jackson	<i>Four Girls: A Lot of Choices</i>	Chicago	IL
Yusuf A. El	<i>Raw Tears</i>	Hammond	IN
Izola Bird	<i>The Girlfriend List</i>	South Bend	IN
Diana Medler	<i>Dobbin and the Stardust Trail</i>	Williamsburg	IN
Adriene Dallas	<i>Psst! Are You Divorced?</i>	Capital Heights	MD
Kevin Wayne Johnson	<i>Know God and Do the Will of God Concerning Your Life</i>	Clarksville	MD
Tiffany Colter	<i>Earning a Living as a Writer</i>	Riga	MI
W. James Richardson	<i>Misbegotten</i>	Saginaw	MI
Mary J. Grant	<i>My Daddy Taught Me to Read</i>	Southfield	MI
Thomas Crumm	<i>What is Good for General Motors?</i>	Arlington	VA

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