

Spring 2008 Series

The Big 52

poetry SLAM!
the seventh season

CELEBRATE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

FEATURE POET: **SONYA RENEE**

2004 U.S. National Individual Poetry Slam Champion, and two-time Individual World Poetry Slam finalist in 2006 & 2007.

Sonya's poetry is blunt, raw, and poignant. She speaks the truth with no mixed words and challenges society to face its deepest and most long-lived ills with strength, courage and sometimes a little bit of laughter. In the same light, her work also reflects a checkered childhood overcoming a family riddled with drug addiction and mental illness, and dealing with the reality of living completely on her own from the age of 17. Her past has made her the beacon of strength and beauty that shines so brightly today every time she blesses a mic.

"Sonya Renee is the REAL DEAL. RAW, ORIGINAL, SENSITIVE. So many of her poems tell my story and maybe yours too. SHE'S SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL!"

~*Gayle Danley, National Poet & Educator, 1994 National Individual Poetry Slam Champion, 2006 Young Audiences Artist of the Year*

"Sonya Renee speaks for people on the margins and she does it by her own damn bootstraps. I admire her smarts, her sass, her lungpower and her willpower...Watch this woman. Listen to this person. Sonya Renee will win you over!"

~*Rives, National Poetry Slam Champion, HBO Def Poetry Jam Tour*



5th ANNUAL

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Limited to the first 10 women who sign up at the stage

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