

# INKFESTIVAL

**Link Centre**

**September 8-9, 2017**

**Tupelo, MS**

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**Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

***Check In/Meet & Greet***

Local and traveling writers, along with members of the general public, will check in and pick up materials for InkFestival attendance. Tickets will be available in advance and at the Check In for the InkFest Showcase.

***The UnSlam: Black Box Theatre***

Spoken word artists from Tupelo & around the country will come together for a different competitive spoken word event, The UnSlam. Chosen by lottery, participants will compete in the two-round Unslam with a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner selected through Audience Choice for cash prizes and bragging rights.

***The AfterParty***

An adult social gathering for all InkFestival participants, the AfterParty starts immediately following the UnSlam. This party is selfishly scheduled to also celebrate InkFestival producer Asia Rainey's birthday with her partner-in-crime and fellow Virgo, Sha'Condria "iCon" Sibley (co-creator of the Write, NOLA! Festival).

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

***Spoken Word Workshops***

Two community sessions will be scheduled Saturday afternoon, free/open to the public and led by spoken word artists. Times and workshop themes will be announced soon!

***INKFEST Showcase***

The Showcase will feature nationally acclaimed spoken word artist Sunni Patterson, writers from the Tupelo spoken word community, and other special guests. The showcase will also make special recognitions in spoken word.