

Hey Y'all,

First, wanna thank all of y'all who came out last night for **Mississippi Vibes**. We realize that we have been gone away for a while and it's taking a minuet for all of us to get back into the groove. However, the vibe for the first four nights back have been really strong. Thanks to all the poets and listeners who came and hung. Hope to see y'all next Saturday for **Mississippi Vibes Open Mic Poetry Night** at **7 All Arts Cafe**, located at McWillie Drive of I-55 and Northside Drive. Also visit 7 throughout the week for Wednesday night **Hip Hop** night, Thursday night **Jazzoetry**, and Friday night **Reggae** night.

Also, congratulations to **Shawn White** for her very successful book release and reading. Shawn is a local poet who got her start at the Mississippi Vibes readings. Now, she has her first book and is courting a deal with a couple of publishers. We will keep you posted. For her reading she had a packed house, and poets **David Brian Williams** and **Cyrus Webb** got things heated up before Shawn did her thing. We used to call Shawn quiet thunder, but now she's making a loud noise with her work.

The **Malcolm X Center for Self-Determination** will hold a **Community Speakout**. This will be an analysis and discussion of the tragic September 11th attack. The focus will be how these events impact the present and future of the Afrikan (Black) community in America. The Community Speakout will be Tuesday, September 18th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Malcolm X Center for Self-Determination located at 1823 Martin Luther King Drive. Your input and ideas are sorely needed as the implications of these attacks and the aftermath will dictate the course of our lives. For more information, please call (601) 316-7166.

On Wednesday, September 26, 2001, the **Community Kwanzaa Celebration Committee** and **Afrikan Dieli Bookstore** (923-B J.R. Lynch) will be jointly sponsoring the monthly **Black History Forum** to be held in Johnson Hall/Upward Bound Offices of **Jackson State University** from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This month's topic is "The History and Role of Our HBCUs in Our Human and Civil Rights Struggle." For additional information, please contact Brother Asinia Lukata Chikuyu at 979-2464 or 957-2969 or **Uzoma Miller** at Afrikan Dieli Bookstore, 238-2013.

We know that a lot of you missed **Jolivette Anderson, The Poet Warrior**, last night. She is in Washington, DC and doing well. Her September schedule is full as she will be presenting her poetry, lecturing and coordinating workshops across the country and here in Mississippi. Her September schedule is as follows:

Jolivette Anderson "The Poet Warrior" will perform at **Black Love Fest 2001** in Washington DC before **Dead Prez** and at **Bar None's The Movement** as the featured poet, on September 16 at the **Malcolm X "Meridian Hill Park"**, located at 16th Street NW & Euclid Ave, from 11:30 am to 7:00 p.m. For more information call (202) 756-4101 x 2506. The festival is free and open to the public. On September 17 she will be with Bar None's The Movement at 1326 'U' Street NW, beginning at 10:00 p.m. On September 18, she will be at **Mangos**, located at 14th and 'V' Street NW, beginning at 9:00 p.m. Jolivette will be back in Jackson, Mississippi performing at the **Farish Street Heritage Festival** on September 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the historic **Alamo Theater** as opening act for jazz artist **Rhonda Richmond**. Richmond's CD, **Oshogbo Town** is the first release on **Cassandra Wilson's** new label. Visit www.jazztrance.com for more info about Rhonda Richmond's project.