MARK S. SANDERS – Event Organizer, Promoter & Emcee

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From 1991 to the present, I acted as Organizer, Promoter and Emcee for the following events. Responsibilities included but were not limited to:

Securing event sites, booking talent, coordinating staff and volunteers, composing press releases, distributing press kits, designing and distributing print & electronic media advertisements/ announcements, acting as stage manager, and site preparation & clean-up.

Overlea ArtsFest - board vice-president for 501c3 non-profit organization, event co-creator, and visual art curator for their annual multi-media arts festival featuring visual art, music, poetry, film and performance - Holt Park & Center for the Arts - Overlea, MD - 2016 to present, ongoing

R.I.O.T. - co-organizer, co-promoter & emcee for multi-media event featuring visual art, music, poetry and performance - St. John's Church, Baltimore, MD

SoWeBo poetry stage - emcee, organizer and promoter of performance for local literary notables - SoWeBohemian Festival - Baltimore, MD

Jam Cram - co-organizer, co-promoter & emcee for multimedia event featuring visual art, music, film, poetry and performance - Club Paradox - Baltimore, MD

Jam Cram 2 - co-organizer, co-promoter & emcee of multimedia event featuring visual art, music, film, poetry and performance - St. John's Church - Baltimore, MD

The Sorcerer's Ball - co-organizer, co-promoter & emcee of multimedia event featuring visual art, music, poetry and performance - Club Paradox - Baltimore, MD

Festival of Fools - co-organizer & co-promoter of multimedia event featuring visual art, music, film, poetry and performance - Club Paradox - Baltimore, MD

Art Continent - co-organizer & co-promoter of multimedia event featuring visual art, music, film, poetry and performance - Scarlett Place - Baltimore, MD

Dead, Gone, but not Forgotten - co-organizer, co-promoter & emcee of benefit/fundraiser multimedia event featuring visual art, music, film, poetry and performance - St. John's Church - Baltimore, MD

Human Touch Aids Benefit (two events) - co-organizer, co-promoter & emcee for benefit/fundraiser events featuring music and poetry - The Bank - Baltimore, MD and Max's On Broadway - Baltimore, MD

Isospin Gallery opening - poetry organizer & emcee for multimedia event featuring visual art, music, film, poetry and performance - Isospin Gallery - Baltimore, MD

Punch House (2 locations) - organizer, promoter & emcee for monthly, multimedia event featuring visual art, music, film, poetry and performance - BAUHouse – Baltimore, MD and Saturday's Café - Baltimore, MD

Forum 405 – organizer, promoter & emcee for monthly, multimedia open stage featuring visual art, music, film, poetry and performance - Area 405 - Baltimore, MD

!SPEAK YOUR PIECE! - organizer, promoter & emcee for weekly open poetry reading w/ featured poets - Singer's Bar & Restaurant - Baltimore, MD

The Word On Wednesday - organizer, promoter & emcee for weekly open poetry reading w/ featured poets - Café Montage - Baltimore, MD and Saturday's Café - Baltimore, MD

The Biddle Street Jawbox - founding organizer, promoter & emcee for weekly open poetry reading w/ featured poets - Jack's Coffee House - Baltimore, MD

The Paris Slam - organizer, promoter & emcee for poetry slam w/ featured poets The Bohemian Café - Baltimore, MD

Vox Populi - organizer, promoter & emcee for an evening of poetry and music - Saturday's Café - Baltimore, MD

The Library of Progress - co-organizer, co-promoter & emcee for open reading w/ featured poets and bands - The Library of Progress - Federal Hill, Baltimore City

Mix It Up! - founding co-host, co-organizer & co-promoter for monthly open mic for poetry and acoustic music with featured performers - Mixers - Baltimore MD

First Tuesdays - founding co-host, co-organizer & co-promoter of weekly open poetry reading w/ featured poets - Irina's Cafe - Baltimore, MD

Poetry & Song (two events) - organizer, promoter & emcee for two evenings of featured poets and musicians - Resurgam Gallery - Baltimore, MD

Teachers & Students month - organizer, promoter & emcee of month-long, weekly poetry series featuring local teachers and their best students - Minás Gallery - Baltimore, MD

Poetry, music & performance night - co-organizer, co-promoter & co-emcee for an evening of featured poets, musicians and performance artists - The Corner Coffee House - Baltimore, MD

Poetry slam - organizer, promoter & emcee for poetry slam w/ featured poets - Frostburg State University - Frostburg, MD

Open poetry nights - organizer, promoter & emcee for various weekly and single-event open poetry reading w/ featured poets - Corner Coffee House, One World Café, Daily Grind Coffee House and BAUHouse - Baltimore, MD