

BLACKSPACE FALL 2018 WOKESHOPS + EVENTS

Blackspace DURHAM WOKESHOPS:

WOKESHOP: Spoken Word: *Ujima Talks*

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street suite 103]

DATES: FIRST THURSDAYS September 6-December 20

TIME: 6-8:30PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Mariah M. & Pierce Freelon

DESCRIPTION: This will be a space where members of the Blackspace community come together to discuss issues that we face as Black people in our interpersonal interactions, such as misogyny, patriarchy, sexism, and anti-agapeism. We want to foster a community of knowledge, self-growth, respect and understanding for all.

STATUS: OPEN - DROP-INS WELCOME

CONTACT: Mariah M. - blackspacepoetry@gmail.com | Pierce Freelon - theblackspaceship@gmail.com

Hip-Hop: Artist Incubation

WOKESHOP: The Art of Emceeing w/ J Rowdy

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street suite 103]

DATES: SATURDAY MORNINGS, until December 15

TIME: 11am-1pm

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: J Rowdy

DESCRIPTION: Youth interested in Hip-hop can join our freestyle and theatre performance wokeshop. Hip Hop Program Director J Rowdy, is the MC and Founder of the UNC Cypher and the MED CITY Cypher. Expect to write, record vocals, and prep for live performances as an emcee.

STATUS: OPEN/DROP-INS WELCOME

CONTACT: J Rowdy - kjrowsey@gmail.com | Pierce Freelon - theblackspaceship@gmail.com

Spoken Word: Community Spaces

WOKESHOP: The Maroon Room

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street]

DATES: SECOND THURSDAYS, September 13-December 20

TIME: 6-8:30pm

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Mariah M.

DESCRIPTION: Do you find yourself neglecting the most creative part of yourself? The Maroon Room (TMR) is a place for the student artist to escape to just be an artist. There are so many demands that artists have outside of the internal call to nourish themselves as writers, poets, painters, visual, and soundscape artists. TMR is a sequester for students to come and decompress, read, and work on their crafts accompanied solitude, soft pillows and snacks. This is a productive space with no pressure to complete or do anything but be. TMR will also double as office hours for Poetry Program Director, Mariah M. for current and prospective parents and students.

STATUS: OPEN/DROP-IN

CONTACT: Mariah M. - blackspacepoetry@gmail.com

Spoken Word: Artist Incubation

WOKESHOP: Guest Facilitated Writing & Performance Wokeshops

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street]

DATES: 3RD AND 4TH THURSDAYS, September 20-December 20

TIME: 6-8:30pm

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: VARIOUS

DESCRIPTION: Extended family of Blackspace that are lovers and disciples of poetry will lead writing and performance Wokeshops for young writers of the poetry persuasion. This space is for those that find comfort in their notebooks, who have found their voices on the page and those looking to strengthen their chops as writers. Students are not required but are encouraged to share what's in their hearts and on the pages of their notebooks. These wokeshops will be exploring literary form, performance, and voice with the end goal of being able to convey their written word to an audience.

STATUS: OPEN/ DROP-INS WELCOME

CONTACT: Mariah M. - blackspacepoetry@gmail.com | Facilitator day-of - see calendar

BLACKSPACE DURHAM EVENTS:**MED CITY CYPHER**

LOCATION: CCB Plaza [201 Corcoran St. Durham, NC]

DATES: EVERY FRIDAY

TIME: 9:19-11pm

COST: FREE

FACILITATOR: J Rowdy

DESCRIPTION: Each Friday at 9:19, the youth of Blackspace and Durham gather in front of the bronze "Major" bull statue to freestyle, sing, beatmake, and create community together. We call it the MED CITY CYPHER because the weekly ritual is deeply medicinal. At the cypher, youth are challenged to improvise and think on their toes and to build self-space for young people to occupy in the heart of our city, to speak their truth, unapologetically, affirm self-esteem and help the creative fires inside each of them radiate. In doing so, we transform, not only ourselves, but the City of Medicine as well.

STATUS: OPEN/WALK-UP

CONTACT: J Rowdy - kjrowsey@gmail.com | Pierce Freelon - theblackspaceship@gmail.com

Blackspace Poetry Open Mics

LOCATION: Cocoa Cinnamon Lakewood. 2013 Chapel Hill Rd Suite A, Durham, NC 27707

DATES: 3RD TUESDAYS starting October 16

TIME: 6-8pm

COST: FREE

FACILITATOR: Mariah M., Master of Ceremonies

DESCRIPTION: Open mics are designed to be a judgement-free space for young writers to share their poems, their songs, their hearts on the mic. The only requirement is to show love to everyone that graces the mic!

STATUS: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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