



SOUTHERN FRIED POETRY, INC.

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Date: October 14, 2019



Greetings to our Southern Fried family and the greater poetry community:

It is with immense sadness that we are writing today to inform you that an integral member of our community passed away on Monday, October 13th, 2019. Our late friend Adam “Rage Almighty” Tench was a celebrated poet, dedicated educator, and beloved community member of the Texas poetry community.

On behalf of Southern Fried Poetry, Inc., we would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to his family, members of the Dallas Poetry Slam community, and the countless lives that Rage has touched with his art and his acts of goodwill. It is impossible to forget him.



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Many members of the Southern Fried slam family were first introduced to Rage Almighty as an artist on stage. Rage was a four-time member of the Dallas Poetry Slam team, which placed second in team finals in our tournament last June. As an individual competitor, Rage placed third at our 2018 tournament, and his other accolades include numerous final stage appearances at poetry slam competitions around the world. Beyond his successes as a competitor on the poetry slam circuit, Rage was known as a dedicated member and activist for the poetry community.

He will be remembered as a prolific writer and performer throughout his 20+ year career, and had the reputation of being a loving and giving friend to his peers. Rage also worked adeptly as an educator and teaching artist, mentoring numerous youth poets from the Dallas-Fort Worth scene. In 2016, the youth advocacy organization Louder Than a Bomb named him Teaching Artist of the Year, a testament to his hard work and dedication to nurturing the growth of young writers.

It goes without saying that this loss is tremendous, and we ask our community to lift up those closest to Rage in this time of need. We



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hope that members of our slam family experiencing grief at this moment know that they have a community to support them.

An important message in Rage's work centered on the importance of health and wellness in diverse communities, and we at Southern Fried Poetry, Inc, hope to follow his example by offering our support to our loved ones in mourning. If you need support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

A "Poetic Celebration For Rage Almighty" hosted by Thedallaspoetryslam.com will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019 from 8 PM – 11 PM CDT at:

Heroes Lounge
3094 N STEMMONS
Dallas, Texas
75247

It is a tradition at Southern Fried to give toasts to those who have emboldened our lives with poetry and light, so we would like to raise a glass to you Poet, we cannot thank you enough for all you have given to us.



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Rest Well, Rage Almighty.



Sincerely,
The Board of Directors
Southern Fried Poetry, Inc.