



SOUTHERN FRIED POETRY, INC.

Celebrating over 25 Years of Slam Poetry!

February 25, 2021

Dear Southern Fried Poetry family,

We hope that you are safe, well and practicing mindfulness as we continue to navigate the tumultuous times that we are living in. Due to the many unknowns regarding COVID-19 and vaccines, we have decided against hosting an in-person festival and tournament this year. This decision was not an easy one as we want, more than anything, to see you and feel that family atmosphere most of us seek yearly when we attend. Our hope is to return to Louisville in 2022 for the 30th year anniversary of the Southern Fried Poetry Slam, with a safe and celebratory festival worthy of such a monumental reunion.

That being said, this year's SoFried Poetry Festival will be held as a fully online festival and competition with cash prizes presented to winning teams and indie competitors. That's right, we are moving forward with team and indies' competitions! The competitive aspect of the festival will be broadcasted on Facebook Live free of charge while exclusive events such as side bouts, workshops, and other premium content and activations will take place in our avatar-based Echo platform which was well received for our 2020 festival in August.

In early April, we will open the registration window for Teams and Indies. All competitors will receive a detailed guide which will cover many of your questions and queries ranging from how competitions will be facilitated, as well as how we plan to overcome any technical challenges such as group performances in virtual spaces. We hope that you will make plans to be a part of this year's tournament and festival as we have been working diligently to make it one to remember!

Sincerely,

Sarita Goods

President

Southern Fried Poetry, Inc.