

Brendan McLeod

Workshops

Previous Workshop Experience

As an arts educator and professional writer and musician, Brendan McLeod has given workshops in over three hundred secondary schools and has been a writer in residence at dozens of schools in Canada and in Europe. In addition, he has worked with the following organizations:

- Poet in School, WordPlay (2005-2011). I demonstrated spoken word and ran poetry workshops with a variety of grades (2-12).
- Spoken Word and Songwriting teacher, Wordsworth writing camp (2007, 2010-present). I taught week long performance poetry and songwriting classes for student campers (aged 11-18).
- Poetry Mentor, Purple Thistle Centre (2009-2011). Mentoring alternative youth on various forms of literature.
- Artist Mentor, Vancouver East Cultural Centre (2009-2012). Mentoring emerging artists (aged 15-21) on becoming a professional spoken word artist, and preparing them for a year end showcase.
- Founder and instructor, FreeWrite! (2009-2011). Started and instructed Vancouver's only intensive creative writing class for secondary school students.
- Spoken Word Instructor, Langara College (2011-2012). Designed and taught an introductory spoken word course.
- Host, Travellin' SLAM (2011-present). Host of SLAM presentations to secondary school auditoriums.

Workshop Topics

Brendan offers workshops in any of the following areas:

- Slam poetry composition and performance
- Storytelling
- Prose writing
- Song writing

Workshop Formats

- Although workshop formats are necessarily flexible and tailored to the needs of the presenting organization and participants, the basic structures are these:
- 1-2 hours
- Participants bring in work they've already written, and would perform for critique and feedback from Brendan
- 3-4 hours
- Participants would write and share work that they've created in the workshop under Brendan's guidance
- Full Day
- Like the 3-4 option, but with greater depth and more detail

Fees

- Always negotiable, but generally in the range of \$500 to \$2500 for workshops ranging from two hours to two days. Price is affected by the amount of preparation required prior to the event.

Detailed descriptions of workshop content available on request.