



*Brendan McLeod's*

## Travellin' SLAM Workshops

### **What's a Travellin' SLAM workshop?**

Travellin' SLAM workshops features Vancouver's top spoken word poets, who will perform original work appropriate to their audience, and lead the students through writing and performance exercises. These workshops expose youth to poetry as a living, breathing art form, while teaching them how to enrich their own writing with poetic and literary devices.

### **My students are (young / old / poetry haters / teenagers / ESL students). Will Travellin' SLAM still work for them?**

The workshops are specifically designed to adapt to the needs of your classroom. Our poets have an enormous variety of styles and experience, and they are experts at getting people interested. We like to find out as much as possible about your class before we come to visit, so that we can make sure to send poets with relevant material.

### **What will the poets do?**

They'll perform some of their own poems, lead students through writing and performance exercises, provide tools and feedback, and generally be charming. We can't say in what order this will happen—it varies every time.

### **How long are the workshops?**

Anywhere from twenty minutes to all day. Our standard workshop is approximately ninety minutes, but let us know how long you'd like us to visit and we'll create a workshop to fit that time.

### **How should I prepare my students for the workshop?**

You can have students bring material that they'd like to work on during the workshop. You can share your favourite poems with them. You can have them bring their favourite poems to share with us. All of these things are optional.

### **How many students can the poets handle?**

Ideally, we like to keep a ratio of no more than 15 students per poet. We always send poets in pairs (i.e. if you have a class of 30 students, we'll send two poets). We're able to work with groups of most sizes, but the smaller the group, the more personal attention the poets can give to each poem.

### **What is the cost?**

\$399 for two poets for 90 minutes in the Lower Mainland. Otherwise, please inquire.



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