Bring the Family to Poetry Picnic in the Park

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VICTORIA, BC — Join City of Victoria Poet Laureate Janet Rogers and poets Jeremy Loveday and Zaccheus Jackson for a community Poetry Picnic in the Park on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from noon - 2 p.m. at the Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park.

Bring your own picnic and blanket for a free, family-friendly afternoon, complete with an open mic for poetry readings, writing games, and a poetry treasure hunt and prizes. All ages are welcome. Registration is not required.

Jeremy Loveday is an award-winning poet recognized for both his writing and performance. He was Victoria's 2010 Individual Poetry Slam Champion and has represented Victoria at three national poetry slam competitions. Loveday has performed at a wide range of events including Tedx Victoria, The Islands Folk Festival, the Canadian Festival of Spoken Word, and on the finals stage of the Vancouver International Poetry Festival. Loveday is the driving force behind Victorious Voices, Victoria's high school poetry slam championships, and his poems have been published in journals, magazines, and online in countries around the world.

Zaccheus Jackson has twice been honoured to represent Vancouver and Western Canada at the Individual World Poetry Slam, as well as tying for third at the inaugural Canadian Individual Poetry Slam in 2011. Usually infusing rapid-fire delivery, gritty street tales, intricate rhyme patterns and social criticism, this "East Van ghetto poet" will leave you counting syllables in your sleep.

A Mohawk writer from the Six Nations band in southern Ontario, Janet Rogers was born in Vancouver, British Columbia and has resided in Victoria since 1994. A published and award-winning poet, she has worked and studied in the genres of poetry, short fiction, spoken word performance poetry, video poetry and recorded poems with music and scriptwriting.

The event will include music by Rik Leaf, a professional recording artist, producer, TV host, author and the founder of the Canadian Performance Collective’s Tribe of One, featuring French, English, First Nations and Métis musicians, dancers, painters and poets.

For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca

Please consider this announcement for your community calendar or events listings.

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