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**Now is the time of daybreak...
hope flashes upon
the penumbra of sorrow,
warmth touches our shoulders.**

This is...

EX TENEBRIS RISING

(out of darkness rising)

**Ex Tenebris Rising:
The 15TH Annual Alternative New Year's Day
Spoken Word / Performance Extravaganza!**

**Bowery Poetry Club – 308 Bowery
Jan 1, 2009 – 2 PM to Midnight
150 Performers – Plus Open**

Out of the years of uncertainty...the age of ignorance overflowed its banks...led to conflict and paranoia. Artists went underground.... but now we finally depart the narrows of danger, the obsidian walls of shadow. Let us gather at the Bowery Poetry Club for 10 free hours, New Year's Day from 2 PM to midnight, join 150 performers for this free event - including:

CORNELIUS EADY, JOAN LARKIN, MARIE PONSOT, HASSAN AL ABDULLAH, LAURA D., RIGOBERTO GONZALEZ, ELIZABETH HARRINGTON, RON KOLM. NANCY MERCADO, RON PRICE, PATRICIA SMITH, JAN HELLER LEVI, NGOMA, JEE LEONG KOH, EJ ANTONIO, PHILLIP SHERROD, BIG MIKE...and countless other talents!

For 15 years we have offered a unique opportunity to learn about what is going on in the contemporary spoken word scene. We include established and emerging talent - a gifted Hunter College student perform following a writer who has received a Guggenheim Fellowship. WE ARE AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY PLAYING FOR THE MASSES. Join us at the OPEN MIC; read a poem!

This year, we are supporting Books Through Bars, an organization that promotes literacy in prisons. Let us support the hope and rehabilitation of prisoners. Please, give them a chance to learn and grow. PLEASE BRING PAPERBACKS; SUPPORT THE CAUSE!

We are also supporting Urban Pathways, Inc. which houses and counsels the homeless. They have outreach programs, drop-in centers, and supportive housing throughout the city. PLEASE BRING CANNED AND DRY GOODS. FEED THE HOMELESS IN THESE TERRIBLE ECONOMIC TIMES!

**BRING PAPERBACK
BOOKS AND CANNED
AND DRY GOODS**

Find out why The Village Voice, TimeOut NY, and The New Yorker rave about us!

- GREAT TALENT...
- 10 FREE HOURS...
- SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS AND PRISONERS...

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE IT IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY!