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**January 1st, 2018
2 p.m. to Midnight**

**The Nuyorican Poets Café
236 East Third Street, Manhattan
New York, NY 10009
Phone: 212.780.9386
<http://www.nuyorican.org>**

– Free Admission!

The Nuyorican Poets Café is located at 236 East Third Street, between avenues B and C, on Manhattan's Lower East Side, and is easily accessible via mass transit. By subway, take the F to First Avenue, the B or D to Broadway/Lafayette, the J to Delancey / Essex Street or the 6 to Bleecker Street. By bus, take the M9, M14A, M14D or M21 lines.

Donations encouraged for paperback books and canned or boxed food or drink for donation.

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Pa'lante A La Luz

Charge Into The Light

**The 24th annual Alternative New Year's Day
Spoken Word / Performance Extravaganza**

"Travel light, live light, spread the light, be the light."
- Yogi Bhajan

One of New York City's biggest literary events, featuring more than 150 scheduled performers, returns to the historic **Nuyorican Poets Cafe** on New Year's Day. The 24th annual Alternative New Year's Day Spoken Word/Performance Extravaganza takes place on January 1, 2018, from 2 p.m. to midnight. This year's theme is "**Charge Into The Light / Pa'lante a la Luz.**"

The Alternative, which continues to be free to the public, features poets, prose writers, monologists, musicians, dancers and other performers in a 10-hour showcase that ranges from some of New York's most seasoned talents to emerging stars. The lineup evolves each year to keep the event fresh and democratic. The audience is encouraged to donate paperback books to **Books Through Bars** (<http://booksthroughbarsnyc.org>) for people incarcerated in prison, and canned or boxed food or drink for **City Harvest** (<https://cityharvest.org>), which provides for the hungry in New York.

The Alternative began on New Year's Day in 1995, and quickly became one of the most popular events on the city's poetry and literary scene. Founder Bruce Weber is ably assisted by a staff of writers, designers and curators. Each year a fresh group of performers are plucked from all corners of the tri-state area to enliven and transform the Alternative in unexpected ways. Adding to the mix for the fifth consecutive year will be an anthology composed of featured writers, published by **Rogue Scholars Press** under the guidance of C.D. Johnson.

"We're excited about our continuing effort to bring in new voices every year and touch all corners of the city. This year promises to be spectacular," said Mr. Weber of this year's event.

Among the poets scheduled to read on January 1 are **Miguel Algarin, Steve Dalachinsky, Cornelius Eady, Daniela Gioseffi, hattie gossett, Willie Perdomo, Tracie Morris and Anne Waldman**. There will also be a special hour that will feature performances by the poets of the **Nuyorican Poets Cafe**, beginning at 7 p.m.

In keeping with its open spirit there will be intervals within the day's program for audience members (who are not on the featured list) to sign up and perform. The Alternative draws an overflow crowd every year.

*And don't forget to take some poets home with you by getting a copy of our yearly ANYDSWPE Anthology, on sale at the event and online December 24th.