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‘Shadow of the Geode / Sombra del Geode’:

The Alternative New Year’s Day reading extravaganza comes again to the Nuyorican Poets Cafe; 236 East 3rd Street, Manhattan, on January 1, 2015.

Todos Son Bienvenidos

For 21 years, since curator and poet Bruce Weber came up with the idea of doing a free ten-hour event in which anyone can read, sing or perform without competition and without any charge, New York has been treated to the Alternative New Year’s Day Extravaganza. Doors open at 2 p.m. and usually close by midnight.

Each performer gets three minutes before a flag waves vigorously, stopping them from going on and on! Featured poets and musicians are registered in advance, but for those wandering in, there are several open mic segments where you just sign up, take a seat, get a drink at the cash bar, look, listen and enjoy!

This year Bruce Weber, who is on sabbatical, is replaced by Pete Dolack, who has been with our project since the beginning. Dolack makes it all happen assisted by several artists, who have been with the project since it started.

We’ll have about 150 performers, it’s FREE, and everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some of the top-name poets, who in years past included Bob Holman, Anne Waldman, Yusef Komunyakaa, Hettie Jones, Amiri Baraka, and throngs more!

This year, Penny Arcade, and Miguel Algarin are among the many poets and musicians who will perform inside Nuyorican’s cosy cave, set to a backdrop of wondrous hand-painted murals and photographic light shows. It’s a grand way to celebrate the year’s very first day!