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### Title

Presentation: Poetry Recitation by Rob Dz (Rob Franklin), "Community".

### Body

ROB DZ combines elements of jazz, R&B, funk and gospel as a talented wordsmith to make a sound unlike any other in music. Dz has performed with NAS, COMMON, TALIB KWELI, BLACK EYED PEAS, WALE, THE DAVE MATTHEWS BAND, ATMOSPHERE, NAUGHTY BY NATURE, BONE THUGS AND HARMONY, and others. As a member of THE CHICAGO YESTET, the band has been reviewed in Downbeat Magazine as well as featured performers at The Chicago Jazz Festival. He also performs as a guest vocalist with THE NEW BREED JAZZ BAND. He has appeared on ESPN's MIDNIGHT MADNESS SPECIAL as well being selected as a national semi-finalist on MTV's ULTIMATE HIP HOP TALENT SEARCH. He has been named Spoken Word/Poet Of The Year by Madison Magazine as well as a constant Best Of Hip Hop winner by Isthmus Magazine. As winner of BEST HIP HOP ARTIST, PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD and BEST HIP HOP SONG and ALBUM by the MADISON AREA MUSIC AWARDS, Dz has become a leader in the soulful midwest hip hop movement. With a goal of touching listeners without sacrificing integrity, Rob Dz is putting the soul back into soul music, and that itself, is quite an experience.