



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009: 7pm

At the Art Reach Center: 319 University, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Featuring: **JAMAAL "VERSIZ" MAY**

with Qiana Towns, poet/CMU faculty; Music by: Sarah Riegler, Josh Graham, Mike List, and Andrew Wheelock



Jamaal May is a poet, producer and recording artist from Detroit, MI. He is a 2007 and 2009 Rustbelt regional poetry slam champion and two-time Individual World Poetry Slam finalist. Jamaal has been awarded an International Publication Prize by *Atlanta Review* and a *Cave Canem* fellowship. His work has appeared in *Verse Daily*, *The MacGuffin*, *Pedestal Magazine*, *The Drunken Boat* and *The Main Street Rag* among other magazines and anthologies. Pudding house press published Jamaal's first chapbook *The God Engine* in Spring of 2009. He is currently pursuing an MFA in poetry from Warren Wilson College.

Qiana Towns is a *Cave Canem* fellow who received an MFA from Bowling Green State in 2008 and an MA from CMU, where she served as poetry editor for the online literary journal *Temenos*. She is the mother of two super-fantastic young girls and teaches composition and creative writing at

CMU.

Sarah Riegler is a junior at CMU, where she is working towards a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Religion. She studies with Andrew Spencer at CMU. She has also studied the music of West Africa (particularly djembe) with Ryan Edwards, and instruments of other cultures. Sarah aspires to get be an Ethnomusicologist and a professor of World Music. She will be studying abroad in Senegal in fall 2011. Sarah will be joined in this evening's performance by three other Music majors: **Josh Graham, Mike List and Andrew Wheelock.**

About the Wellspring Literary Series:

A partnership between the English Department at Central Michigan University and the Art Reach Center of Mid Michigan, **The Wellspring Literary Series** provides a forum for the community to hear the work of established and emerging regional writers as well as works-in-progress by Central Michigan University graduate writing students and faculty writers at the Art Reach Center. Readings are generally held the first Monday of the month. For a schedule or more information, contact Robert Fanning, Assistant Professor of Creative Writing, at robert.fanning@cmich.edu, or (248) 462-2488.

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