

# Kingston Poetry Collective

Presents

A Writing workshop with Ian French

**June 29 3 – 5 pm**

at Kingston Community House at 99 York

Join us for this fun, engaging and unforgettable glance under the hood of slam poetry with IF The Poet and transform your poetry and your performance.

In this workshop you will learn the tips, tricks and techniques necessary to take your poetry and your performance to the next level, including:

Subject Matter Selection (Yes, it matters), The Rule of 3's , The Turn, Meta. Meta. Real, How to inject soul-shaking emotion into your poem  
The Power of Funny, The Personal & The Universal  
Stopping the Train

We will also discuss performance techniques that will lift your confidence and increase your impact, including: How to Practice, Preparing to Perform, Starting BIG,  
Plus: To Read or Not to Read? , Don't Look There!, Connecting with the Crowd

## More about Ian French:

IF's poetry channels the wisdom of Spirit, the rage of the wounded and the yearning that resides in every human heart. He says "every poem I write is a 'shout out' to the sacredness of our days, a three chord party jam, and a tribute to the triumph of love over fear." IF was a member of the National Championship, Toronto Slam Poetry Team in 2013, winner of 2013 Buffalo International Slam and the 2014 Canadian Individual Slam Poetry Champion.

In 2015, BRAVO! commissioned a short form documentary about IF and in 2016, CBC produced the full-length documentary, IF THE POET, chronicling his journey to the World Cup of Slam Poetry, at age 55.

IF's most recent project is a collection of spiritually themed poems, tentatively entitled 'Such Fierce Hope'.

**Suggested donation of \$10 or pay what you can.**

Bring a pen, some paper and something to write on like a book or clipboard.