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Press Release

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3rd Annual Writers' Weekend Hosted by InkTank & Public Library September 29-October 1

InkTank and the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, along with partners 91.7 WVXU and Media Bridges, present *Writers' Weekend 2006*, three days of free writing workshops, performances and interactive writing/recording sessions running September 29 - October 1. Building off a successful three-year partnership, this year's *Writers' Weekend* will focus on the art of storytelling in new mediums to create a community portrait for our city.

Writers' Weekend Events

Friday, September 29

The Know Theatre (Lobby)
1120 Jackson Street

Opening Reception

- 6:00 p.m.: Guests can mingle, plan their weekend, and listen to music. Media Bridges will have special booths wired with sound and video recorders that will allow guests to film their own thoughts about their city.
- 8:00 p.m.: InkTank's Literary House Band, the 50 Shoes will perform along with artists featured on InkTank's newest CD, *Anything Can Happen On Main Street*.

Saturday, September 30

Telling Your Story

Peaslee Neighborhood Center
215 E. 14th Street

- 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: Workshops on creating your own story through music, writing, spoken word and storytelling. Among the presenters are Omope Carter Daboiku, professional teller of tales affiliated with the Ohio Arts Council as an Artist-in-Education and a regular teller for the Library and the Cincinnati Storytellers Guild; Benjamin Hughes, local performance poet creator, author and artist; Napoleon Maddox of **ISWHAT?!** a skilled human beat-box artist, emcee, writer, producer, performance poet, actor, singer and improviser leading a workshop on hip-hop songwriting; and the Cincinnati Book Arts Society with a workshop where participants will produce an original journal, creatively bound from one continuous piece of paper.
- 3:30 p.m.: Open Mic

Memorial Hall
1225 Elm Street

- 6:00 p.m.: Media Sponsor WVXU and InkTank will host a cocktail reception.

- 8:00 p.m.: Keynote Speaker Ira Glass, host and producer of *This American Life*, one of the most successful radio programs in the country. Mr. Glass will speak in Memorial Hall's historic auditorium. Tickets to see Ira Glass are \$10 each and will be available at <http://www.cincinnatiarts.com/> and at InkTank. All seating is general admission. A limited number of seats are reserved at \$75 for guests of the cocktail reception. Those tickets can be purchased at www.wvxu.org.

Sunday, October 1

The Know Theatre

1120 Jackson Street

- 7:00 p.m.: InkTank and the Library will present Matt Slaybaugh's one-man show, *The Absurdity of Writing Poetry*. This free performance about making art, not making art, and the challenges of both is over-flowing with philosophy, physicality, a small taste of hip-hop, and, of course, poetry.

For more information visit www.inktank.org or call 513.542.0195.

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✓ **Information about events at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.**