

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
2021 KNIGHT ARTS CHALLENGE WINNER
THE RON ALLEN PROJECT Presents
HORIZONS IN POETRY 2022
MON FEB 28, 2022 7-9PM
a VIRTUAL POETRY EVENT ON ZOOM
featuring Semaj Brown**



- Flint, Michigan's inaugural Poet Laureate ~ Thought Leader
- Academy of American Poets Poet Laureate Fellow, 2021
- Author of "Bleeding Fire! Tap the Eternal Spring of Regenerative Light"
- Poetry Pod Project (P3) Interdisciplinary Literacy Arts and Science Innovation
- Essayist, Columnist, University Lecturer, Playwright, Director of Theatrical Productions

As we launch this return, we are highly honored and pleased to **feature** one of the original **Horizons in Poetry*** writers from the early 1980's who has never ceased to reinvent, redefine and reinvigorate the realm of spoken word, **Semaj Brown**. She has stated, "This is like coming home!"
<https://semajbrown.com/>

Our hosts for the event will be:

Marsha Music - Writer, Poet, Storyteller, Detroitist - <https://marshamusic.wordpress.com/>

Owolabi Aboyade - Father, Poet, MC, Essayist, Portal Hopper -
<https://www.facebook.com/william.copeland.16>
<https://audiomack.com/will-see/album/mutationmixtape>

*Ron Allen, Wardell Montgomery and John Mason initiated HIP (Horizons in Poetry) in 1982 in the Cass Corridor. This monthly open-mic series ran for over two decades hosted alternately by Ron Allen, Sharon Smith-Knight and Trinidad Sanchez. Once a month, seasoned and emerging poets gathered to share, inspire and evolve. There was always a featured reader and a key component was the Open Mic, allowing access, encouragement and promotion of diverse voices on the local scene.

The Ron Allen Project is reviving **Horizons in Poetry** on **Zoom**.

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