

GRAND SLAM



SHARE THE STAGE WITH ROGER BONAIR-AGARD

TWO-TIME NATIONAL SLAM CHAMPION TO HOST POETRY SLAM IN HUDSON JUNE 21

Roger Bonair-Agard is coming to the Twin Cities as one of the featured poets at the inaugural White Pine Festival, an interdisciplinary arts festival that will take place in Stillwater and Hudson June 20-23.

This year's festival focuses on classical music and contemporary poetry, and aside from Bonair-Agard it will feature poets **Tony Hoagland** and **Cynthia Gustavson**, harpsichordist **Layton "Skip" James**, and the Grammy-nominated **St. Petersburg String Quartet**.

In addition to concerts and readings, the four-day, 26-event festival also includes a number of opportunities for local artists to interact with and learn from visiting performers.

One such event will be a **late-night poetry slam** at the Twisted Grille in Hudson, Wisconsin, on **Thursday, June 21, starting at 10:30 p.m.** The non-competitive event is free, and local poets are encouraged to come, share their work, and have a great time. Bonair-Agard will host the event and set the guidelines on the day of. Poets who would like to perform are asked to e-mail andrew.wallmeyer@whitepinefestival.org.

For more information and a complete schedule of festival events, visit whitepinefestival.org.



ROGER BONAIR-AGARD AT THE WHITE PINE FESTIVAL

Wednesday, June 20

Poetry & Pastries, 9 a.m., free (reading and relaxing by the river)

Thursday, June 21

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Poetry Writing Workshop for adults, 11 a.m., \$10

Poetry Reading, 2:15 p.m., \$10

White Pine Slam, 10:30 p.m., free

Friday, June 22

Poetry Writing Workshop for teens, 1 p.m., \$10

Saturday, June 23

Festival Finale Concert, 8 p.m., \$20