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**TONGUE IN CHIC NEXT GIG SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2010**

**HEADLINE ACT IS DAVID J. VOCAL PUGILIST**

**COME AND CELEBRATE OUR FIRST BIRTHDAY!**

**LAUNCH OF YEARBOOK ANTHOLOGY.**

Described by master versifier John Hegley as “a very special poetry Sunday”, Tongue in Chic celebrate their first birthday with an exceptional Spoken Word performer: David J on Sunday 10 January at MADCAP.

In a barnstorming first year, Tongue in Chic has gone from pipe dream to permanent fixture on the Poetry and Spoken Word circuit earning plaudits from audience and guest performers alike including:

***“pound for pound, the best poetry/spoken word event on the Midlands circuit!”***

It has been a first that exceeded expectations for Mark Niel, the organiser behind Tongue in Chic.

***“I can’t believe how well the first year has gone; excellent shows and guests but more than that, I’m really pleased about the on local writers and performers. We have started to make an impact on the national scene, winning competitions and***

***commissions and seeing our artists reach National Slam  
Finals and begin to alter perceptions about Milton Keynes.***

**HEADLINE GUESTS**

And in Mark's opinion, the guests get better and better. The new season kicks off with **David J. – vocal pugilist**. David's performances at Latitude and Glastonbury have made him a legend on the poetry circuit.

David won the Choice FM Battle Rap Competition back in 1992 and his unique style of delivery is heavily influenced by his hip-hop origins. David J has been described as a verbal gymnast. Using powerful verbal trickery his words seem to go forwards then flip backwards. At other times it's like he's scratching words instead of vinyl and it often appears there is more than one person speaking onstage.

David's appearance at Tongue in Chic is part of his warm up for a tour of the US later in 2010.

**LOCAL FEATURED PERFORMER** this month is **Danni Antagonist**.

Since dipping her toes in the water of performance poetry in London in 2005, Danni has performed in Milton Keynes and beyond. Danni combines driving rhythms and rhymes with uncompromising words to produce poetry with a unique urban edge. Danni won one of the Open Mic sessions at the prestigious London-based gig "Bang said the Gun"

**OPEN MIC SESSIONS**

As ever, the real stars of the show are the local writers who turn up to take their three minutes of fame at the Mic.

**ANTHOLOGY LAUNCH**

Tongue in Chic enters the world of publishing with a "Yearbook" Anthology called "The News from Mirror City". Local writers who supported the event in 2009 and Guest artists were invited to take part

in the project and it is hoped the book will be ready for the first show of the year.

For more information on the show or Open Mic opportunities, email Mark Niel at [markniel@gmail.com](mailto:markniel@gmail.com) or call 01908 691755 to reserve tickets.

Tickets are £6 / £4 if reserved in advance or £7 / £5 on the door.

Venue: Madcap, Creed Street, Wolverton 7.30pm (Doors Open at 7pm)  
Sunday 10 January, 2010.

## **ENDS**

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### **Notes to editors**

- Tongue in Chic is a Voluntary Community Poetry and Spoken Word initiative based in Milton Keynes.
- The purpose is to encourage and engage the local Community in poetry and spoken word and provide a platform to perform.
- Tongue in Chic exists to complement, not compete with all other local writing and poetry initiatives such as Monkey Kettle, Poetry Kapow! Speakeasy etc.

- Mark also wanted to bring Poets from the national scene into Milton Keynes as a catalyst for local writers and performers and to put Milton Keynes on the national map for Poetry and Spoken Word