

Manal Younus

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Spoken Word and Slam Poetry



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Programmes:

THE PERFORMANCE

Manal Younus is a twenty one year-old South Australian writer, actor and spoken word poet of East African descent. Manal will use examples of her own work to explore what poetry can be - creating poetry from one word triggers, demonstrating freestyling and showcasing performance techniques. Manal uses her own poetry to discover and strengthen her identity and hopes that students will be inspired to find their unique voice through poetry.

Duration – 50 mins

Suitability – Years 5-12

Performance Cost - \$5.00 (GST NA) per student

Minimum Fee \$500 (GST NA), minimum of 100 students*.

*Every student over 100 pays \$5.00 (GST NA)

THE WORKSHOP

The first 30 minutes focuses on creative writing exercises using stream of thought, metaphor/simile, analogy and how to make a point. The second stage focuses on how to perform spoken word poetry, with students participating in games and exercises.

Duration – 60 minutes

Suitability - Years 5-12

Cost – Flat Fee \$400 (GST NA) for a preferred maximum of 35 students. A few extra allowed at \$11.50 per student.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Please provide a microphone, whiteboard and marker.

Room Set Up – if it is a large audience Manal will perform on a stage. For smaller audiences (under 150 students) Manal will work off the stage at the student's level in a semi-circle. If possible a centre aisle is appreciated as it allows for easy student participation.

THE PERFORMER

Manal Younus is a South Australian based freelance storyteller. The young writer and spoken word artist uses arts such as poetry, performance and theatre to discover and strengthen her identity as a young woman with East African roots living in Australia as well as to inspire thought, discussion and possibilities amongst those around her. Manal is a two-time National Poetry Slam finalist and has performed throughout Australia including at The Sydney Opera House and has participated in festivals such as Melbourne's West Writer's Festival, Poetic Days Festival, National Young Writer's Festival as well as local events in almost every state. In 2015, she self-published her first book of poetry called 'Reap'. She has since toured the book across states with official launches in Adelaide, Melbourne and Perth.

Manal is a Bachelor of International Relations Graduate from the University of South Australia. Many theories and perspectives learned from her studies have informed her artistic work. As has her involvement in community development and activism.

With the support of the South Australian Writer's Centre, Manal has launched Soul Lounge, a unique monthly poetry and open mic night. She works with Act Now Theatre, a socially conscious forum theatre company that encourages audience participation and improvisation. As a facilitator of workshops in writing, performance and leadership, Manal is invested in working with young people to develop their own voices and tell their stories.

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