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About Slam Studio

Slam Studio is a Web project of Poezin organisation.

Project goals:



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Short Poezin presentation



POEZIN'S mission is the establishment of a new poetic scene in Serbia and building bridges with similar organizations in the region and the worldwide.

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Poezin in details

General info

Citizens Association " Poezin " - established in October 3rd, 2011 in Belgrade.

Description of the activities of the association: Activities of other membership organizations based on the membership .

Description of economic activity of the Association: Book publishing.

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ACTIVITIES / PROJECTS

On December 8, 2024, the **Belgrade poetry slam festival POBEDNIK 2024** was organized by Poezin at the Betty Ford club in Belgrade. Performed at the Festival: Aleksandar Mr?en, Nikola Lazovi?, Sini?a Rudan, Svetlana ?uk, Mi?a Jovi?, Nenad Jelesijevi?, Bojan Bjeli?, Sanja Stankovi?, Milan Ne?i?, Viktor Okanto Jovi?i?, Filip Perli?, Nenad Krstaji?, Aleksa Ninci?, ?eljko Marinkovi?, Damir Milo?, Petr Vytovtov, Dragana D. Mili?, Sandra ?ivkov and Katarina Mileti?. Eight participants were selected for the second round of the Festival by the selection of the jury, and the five best rated entered the third (final) round. At the end of the third round, the poet Aleksa Nin?i? got the most points, and the poet Sini?a Rudan won the second place. The Festival champion and the runner-up slammer received appropriate awards (poetry collections) from Neos publishing house which were distributed by its representative. The jury consisted of three members: ?or?e ?or?evi?, Milan Mijatovi? and Mirko Cvetanovi?.

Photo gallery: [link 1 \(2024\)](#)

The State Competition in Poetry Slam 2024 was held in Novi Sad on October 19, 2024, which brought together 17 male and female competitors from various places in Serbia, as well as poetry slam fans. The space of the hall of the Ruthenian Cultural Center proved to be "tight" to accommodate a large number of people who enjoyed the poetry slam performances. The audience was constantly involved in the voting process, but also successfully interacted with the performing poets. In strong competition, the "Audience Award" was won by the poet Sini?a Pua?. Five participants took part in the grand final, and the winner of the competition is the poetess Sandra ?ivkov. The State Competition in Poetry Slam 2024 was organized by the poetry association Poetarium from Novi Sad in cooperation with the poetry organization Poezin from Belgrade.

Belgrade slam poetry festival POBEDNIK 2023 was held on November 26, 2023 in Tuluz Lotrek club in Belgrade. Poet and slammer Miroslav Kova? won first place and became the champion. The following poets performed at the Festival: Miodrag Mi?a Kruni?, Du?an Mihajlovi?, Tamara Naumovi?, Sandra ?ivkov, Katarina Majstorovi?, Nenad Krstaji?, Vesna Petkovi? Pe?i?, Predrag Rudovi?, Iskra Dejanovi?, Janja Risti?, Miroslav Kova?, Mi?a Jovi? and Sanja Stankovi?. MC was Miodrag Sto?i?. The jury members chosen from the audience were: Ana Panti?, ?or?e ?or?evi? and Aleksandar Brezar.

Photo gallery: [link 1 \(2023\)](#)

The Poetry Slam Competition of Serbia 2022 was held on November 26 at the Radio Cafe in Novi Sad, Svetozara Mileti?a Street 45. Poets from all over Serbia participated in the competition (15 competitors in total). More than 60 applications were sent to the competition. The winner of the competition was decided by an expert jury, and in addition to the jury, also representatives of the audience. Mra?na komora from Novi Sad and the partner organizations Poetarium from Novi Sad and Poezin from Belgrade participated in the organization of the Poetry Slam Competition of Serbia 2022.

Photo gallery and report: [link 1 \(2022\)](#)

The Slam Poetry Championship of Serbia 2021, organized by poetry organizations Poezin and Spoken Word RS, was held in Belgrade in Tuluz Lotrek Café. After three rounds of poetry the poetess Sladjana Bu?i? won convincingly. Our representative in Brussels and the European Slam Championship 2021 was the second-placed competitor Damir Nedi?.

Photo gallery and report: [link 1 \(2021\)](#)

The Serbian Poetry Slam Championship 2019, organized by Poezin in collaboration with the BLUZ I PIVO club, was held in the last week of November, 2019. After three rounds of competition, poetess Jovana Ilkic won. The winner of the competition received a cash prize. In addition, Jovana Ilkic is Serbia's representative at the European Poetry Slam 2020 Championship.

Photo galleries: [link 1](#), [link 2 \(2019\)](#)

For the first time, Poezin is represented as a partner in a European slam project sponsored by the **Visegrad Fund** ([link: www.visegradfund.org](http://www.visegradfund.org)). The European Slam Championship is organized annually in a different country and is mainly coordinated by the Belgian organizer Philip Meersman of Creatief Schrijven (<http://beslam.be/>). In 2018, for the first time, it was Hungary's honor to host this event and slam champions from more than 20 countries. You can read more about this project in which Poezin from Serbia is a partner at: <http://www.slamstudio.org/2018/11/24/euro18-budapest/>

Pi?ero Poetry Festival Project was realized on June 17, 2018 at the Petak Club in Belgrade, 14 Lomina Street. The funds for the Festival were provided with a crowdfunding campaign. Pi?ero Poetry Festival was founded on the foundations of solidarity and resourcefulness of people who are not associated with gender, nation or capital, but only with the willingness to cast an interesting verse in a laid back and cheerful audience. The aim of the Festival's organizers was to bring the budget support and dependence on project financing in Serbia to absurd and to show that the alternative poetic scene could live without the favor of state and city institutions. The Festival was created at a time when the apparent intention of the governing structure is to remove all the participators in culture that do not represent the quasi-national and quasi-traditional perception of it and that are not ?'auxiliary" non-governmental organizations of the political party in power.

Photo galleries: [link 1](#), [link 2 \(2018\)](#)

- **?"THE POETS OF POEZIN IN NOVI PAZAR"** Project was carried out on December 15, 2017 in Klub Heroja in Novi Pazar. The event was organized by ?"UG Firma" members from Novi Pazar in cooperation with ?"Poezin" organization and the activists of ?"Foundation Front". The project was supported by the Association of the Independent Cultural Scene of Serbia (NKSS). The aim of the project was to involve as many young people as possible from Novi Pazar in contemporary cultural flows and to establish quality cooperation between Belgrade cultural scene and the cultural scene of Novi Pazar.

Photo galleries: [link 1](#), [link 2 \(2017\)](#)

? **"Poetski grad Festival"** Project was organized on September 24, 2016 and on Septembar 26, 2015 in Magacin space, in Belgrade, Kraljevi?a Marka 4. The project was supported by the Secretariat of Culture of Belgrade. Festival was a competition and brought

together young artists and authors from Belgrade and other major cities in Serbia, who write and perform poetry. The aim of the project was the inclusion of a greater number of young people from Belgrade to contemporary cultural trends and cultural events in Belgrade. This project continues the "Poetry of the city" Festival from 2014.

Photo galleries: [link 1](#), [link 2](#) (2016)

Photo galleries: [link 1](#), [link 2](#) (2015)

-The **"POETRY OF THE CITY"** Festival - Project was realized on December 30, 2014, at Peron club in Belgrade. The project was supported by the Secretariat of Culture of Belgrade. The festival was a competitive event that brought together young artists and authors from Belgrade and other major cities in Serbia, who write and perform poetry. The aim of the project was to include as many young people from Belgrade in contemporary cultural trends and Belgrade's cultural events.

Photo galleries: [link 1](#), [link 2](#) (2014)

"HAND AND VOICE" Project - cultural activities of the persons with disabilities (twice realized in 2014 and 2016). The project was supported by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Serbia. The partner organization on the project was UTLOSS - Association of Interpreters for the Hearing Impaired of Serbia. The aim of the project was the inclusion of the people with hearing impairments in the cultural and social trends, and the work on cultural activities of persons with disabilities. Young people with hearing impairments used sign language and, in collaboration with poets, passed on to the audience their experiences, problems and poetics. In this way they overcame barriers in communication by the integration of complementary skills.

- "HAND AND VOICE" Artistic Presentation was held in 2016 in Cultural Centre MAGACIN in Belgrade, Kraljevica Marka 4 St. and then repeated in the School for Children with Hearing Impairment "Radivoj Popovic" in Zemun;

- "HAND AND VOICE" Artistic Presentation was held in 2014, in Belgrade Youth Centre, and was repeated at the "VREVA" Festival. A documentary film was made about the presentation produced by the "WE HEAR YOU" ("ujemo vas") Citizens' Association.

Photo galleries: [link](#) (2016)

Photo galleries: [link](#) (2014)

Video (Youtube): [link](#) (2014)

- **"ROMA, ENGAGED POETRY?"** - event was organized in an alternative cultural center "Panic Room-?ica", 5, Kraljevica Marka Str. in Belgrade, on February 14th, 2013. The permanent cooperation with Romani artists, musicians and poets has been established.

- **"CULTURE IN PROTEST"** Festival - Project was held on November 1-2, 2013 in Belgrade, in an alternative cultural center "Panic Room -?ica" at 5 Kraljevica Marka St. "Culture in protest" Poetry Festival was held in the framework of the eponymous campaign of The Independent Cultural Scene of Serbia Association (NKSS) with the aim of drawing attention to the importance of cultural and artistic production of civil society. The result was increased awareness of the problems of contemporary cultural scene.

Photo galleries: [link 1](#), [link 2](#) (2013)

- **"Festival on the Theme of Discrimination"** - Project was organized by POEZIN on November 11-12, 2012, in the "ILEGALA" club at the Faculty of Philosophy in Belgrade (former "Industry" beneath the Plato bookstore). The champion of the Festival, was awarded the opportunity to perform as Belgrade and Serbian champion, at the following European slam poetry festival in Brussels. The festival was organized by Poezin with the financial support of the Association of Independent Cultural Scene of Serbia (NKSS), in the framework of the project supported by the Swiss Cultural Programme in the Western Balkans. The result was a greater public interest in vulnerable social groups.

Photo galleries: [link 1](#), [link 2](#) (2012)

- Poezin, as a partner organization, was involved in the organization of **"Yugoslaviamia"** festival in Belgrade Youth Centre. The main organizer of this slam poetry festival was the Association of citizens **"The Alternative Collective"** (the event took place on October 16th, 2011). This was the first regional slam festival that was held in Belgrade. Slam poets and poetess from region performed on the festival and the special guest was famous American slam performer Caroline Harvey.

PERFORMANCES, COOPERATION AND EDUCATION

Poezin slammers participated in slam poetry workshops led by the father of poetry slam movement Marc Kelly Smith (Masterclass - Marc Kelly Smith). Such workshops were held in 2018 in Celje and Ljubljana - Slovenia and Budapest - Hungary.

Poezin has worked intensively to professionalize and expand its work vertically and horizontally through a series of theater and performance workshops and education led by actors and directors. In collaboration with Plavo Theater, an anthropological theater

from Belgrade, we have organized educational, theater workshops, for slam poets and poetry performers. In addition to organizing poetry nights, festivals and workshops, we have participated as special guests at many festivals and literary events.

Since inception, representatives of NGO "Poezin" organized **hundreds of events** of reading and poetry performance on stage. Since 2009, we have organized poetry events in **30 spaces** in Belgrade.

The list of clubs and places where

Poezin organized events:

01. Club Akademija in Belgrade, Raji?eva 10
02. ?ica Panic ROOM in Belgrade, Kraljevi?a Marka 5
03. SKC in Belgrade, Kralja Milana 48
04. Building Bigz in Belgrade (club Zmajev Gnezdo)
05. T.C. Staklenac in Belgrade, Makedonska 5 (club II Sprat)
06. Jazz club ?ekanica in Belgrade (in building Bigz)
07. Club Underworld in Belgrade, near Vukov monument
08. Caffe Jovanka bez razloga in Belgrade on Skadarlija
09. Club ILEGALA plato in Belgrade ? Faculty of Philosophy
10. KC Grad in Belgrade, Bra?e Krsmanovi? 4
11. Dom omladine in Belgrade, Makedonska 22
12. Sinnerman jazz club in Belgrade, square Nikola Pa?i?
13. Gallery Remont in Belgrade, Mar?ala Birjuzova 7
14. Gallery G12HUB in Belgrade, Kara?or?eva 59
15. Club Peron Savamala in Belgrade, Bra?e Krsmanovi? 12
16. DKSG (Dom kulture „Studentski grad?) in Belgrade, Novi Beograd
17. Inex Film in Belgrade, Vi?nji?ka 76
18. Spanish barroom Casa Garcia in Belgrade, Kraljevi?a Marka 19
19. Magacin in Belgrade, Kraljevi?a Marka 4
20. Club Propaganda in Belgrade, Gospodar Jevremova 7
21. Club Gavez in Belgrade, Ada Ciganlija
22. Club Polet in Belgrade, Cetinjska 15
23. Radionica Integracije in Belgrade, Savska 9
24. Club Drum ? Belgrade Underground Society (EX BLUE MOON) in Belgrade, Zmaj Jovina 4
25. Club Zappa Bar in Belgrade, Kralja Petra 41
26. Club Petak in Belgrade, Lomina 14
27. Club SOUL Society ? stari Bitef in Belgrade, Knez Miletina 2
28. Club Bluz i Pivo in Belgrade, Cetinjska 15
29. Club Vrtoglavica Subculture World in Belgrade, ?ajka?ka 15b
30. Club Tuluz Lotrek Caffe in Belgrade, Resavska 24
31. Club Beti Ford in Belgrade, Zetska 2