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Performer Bio

Simone Beaubien, ten-year-veteran of the New England poetry scene, living and working as a paramedic in suburban Massachusetts. She has competed at a national level in pinball, Ultimate Frisbee and poetry slam. Lifetime nerd and part-time athlete, she is proud to host the world-famous Boston Poetry Slam at the Cantab Lounge.

Current Affiliations

Poetry at the Cantab Lounge, Cambridge, Mass. **2004 — present**

SlamMaster, MC, Booking Agent

The Cantab Lounge is an internationally known performance poetry venue. The SlamMaster is responsible for relations with Poetry Slam, Inc., booking venue features, budgeting, slam series (including annual team selection), maintenance of the website (slamnews.com), and weekly hosting of the venue's open mic, featured poet, and poetry slam.

Cantab Lounge Slam Team Coach, Cambridge, Mass. **2004 — present**

Performance and Slam Coach

The Cantab Lounge has sent a team to the National Poetry Slam since its inception in 1992. Responsibilities include performance coaching, fundraising, travel arrangements, bookings for the team, and competition strategy. In 2007, the team's national finish was in the top twenty of seventy-five teams, and the 2008 team finished fourth out of seventy-six.

Awards and Honors

National Poetry Slam Finalist (with Cantab Slam Team), **National Poetry Slam**, Madison, Wis. **2008**
National Poetry Slam Semi-Finalist (with Cantab Slam Team), **National Poetry Slam**, various **2007 and 2010**
Top scorer, **Cantab Lounge Slam Team Finals**, Cambridge, Mass. **2001, 2007, 2010**
Champion of Champions, **Cantab Lounge Poetry Slam**, Cambridge, Mass. **Winter 2004**
Winner, **Cambridge Poetry Awards, Performance Group** **2004**
(with Doc Brown's Traveling Poetry Troupe)
Nominee, **Cambridge Poetry Awards, Female Humorous Poet** **2002 — 2004**
Winner, **Cambridge Poetry Awards, Female Spoken Word Poet** **2002**

Selected Performance Experience

Invited performer, MC, Producer, **First Night Celebration Poetry Slam**, Boston, Mass. **2001 — 2010**
Producer, performer, MC, **Attleboro Arts Museum Poetry Slam**, Attleboro, Mass. **2007 — 2010**
Performer, MC, **Newburyport Literary Festival Youth Poetry Slam**, Newburyport, Mass. **2006 — 2010**
Tournament Director, **NorthBEAST Regional Poetry Slam**, Manchester, NH. **2009 and 2010**
Director/Producer, **NorthBEAST Regional Poetry Slam**, Cambridge Mass. **2007 and 2008**
Finals Night MC, **Individual World Poetry Slam**, Vancouver, B.C. **2007**
Team member/competitor, Cantab Slam Team, **National Poetry Slam**, locations nationwide **2001, 2004 — 2010**
Producer, MC, SlamMaster, **Boston Poetry Slam World Qualifier**, Cambridge, Mass. **2006**
Featured poet, **Brockton Library Poetry Series**, Brockton, Mass. **2005**
Director, **New England Slam League**, New England area **2004 — 2005**
Featured poet, **National Poetry Month at the Chelmsford Public Library**, Chelmsford, Mass. **2004**
Featured poet, **Boston National Poetry Month Festival**, Boston, Mass. **2002 and 2003**
Invited performer, **New Hampshire Institute of Art Poetry Slam**, Manchester, N.H. **2001**

Selected Radio and Television Appearances

Cambridge Nights on CCTV (poetry show recorded at the Cantab Lounge) **2004 — 2007**
Talking Information Center for the Blind (four shows) **2001 and 2003**
P.L.A.C.E.S. Television Series (featured poet, Season 2) **2002**
Jack McCarthy's Stand-Up Poetry (featured poet on Billerica Cable Access TV) **2001**