

Welcome to Performer's Café

General Rules:

- Sign up starts at 6:30pm, please find the MC and/or volunteer with the clipboard and tell them you'd like to perform tonight ^(C) (There is no entry fee)
- All performing arts are accepted, this includes music and literature of any genre, spoken word, stand-up comedy, dance, theatre, etc.
- Each performer will be **limited to 5 minutes** (the only exception to this rule is the night's featured headliner). This includes any talking or on stage prep you do in addition to your performance.
- Performance slots are on a first-come first-serve basis. The program ends at 9pm sharp so if you didn't get a chance to perform, please try again next month.
- If there is time left at the end of the night, the MC will make a call to the audience to see if anyone new has worked up the nerve or if someone would like to perform a second time.
- Please respect time limits, the MC will motion to you to wrap up if you are going overtime
- We do realize that Mitsu Café has a liquor license, but Performers cannot be intoxicated while on stage
- If you are not performing original material, please ensure you credit the artist you are covering.
- Have fun!

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Important Note:

Performers are expected to exercise good judgement and to read the audience. This program is intended to be family friendly – a few curse words may be used if necessary but please avoid offensive subjects such as rape, racist or sexist language, or any promotion of discrimination. Finally, <u>if you think your material might be inappropriate</u> <u>or make someone feel unsafe or biased against, then you probably shouldn't use it</u>. Should you choose to break this rule, our sound person will cut your mic and you will be asked to leave the stage.

This open mic program provides the opportunity to inspire personal, organizational, artistic, and community growth. It provides a space for artists and aspiring artists, young and old alike, to share and learn from one another while expressing themselves creatively.

If you would like to be considered for a headlining position in future, please notify the MC, one of the volunteers, or the Saskatchewan Festival of Words office (<u>www.festivalofwords.com</u>)

Some Rules for the Audience:

- We understand Mitsu Sweet Café is open to the public during this program but please keep conversations at the lowest possible volume during the performances. It is very distracting to the performers and other audience members who are here to enjoy the show.
- There will be a break halfway through, usually around 8pm, if you need a refill or to use the restroom.
- This program is intended to encourage and support emerging artists, so the audience is expected <u>not</u> to heckle. Ever. Period.

Thanks! Please enjoy your evening!

