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**Noted Spoken Word Poet to Perform at Montgomery College November 17**  
*Michelle Nelson to Appear Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus' Black Box Theatre*

Michelle "LOVE the Poet" Nelson will perform spoken-word poetry November 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre at Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, located at 7600 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. This event is free and open to the public.

A native of Columbia, Md., Nelson has performed live on stage, radio, college campuses and on CNN as a featured speaker at the Jena 6 rally. Nelson found spoken-word poetry in 1999 and soon became a featured performer at the same "open mic" events she frequented as a hopeful poet. She became a fixture at the area's premier spoken word events, and gained popularity with area media and soon led her to perform noted venues in the area including The Theater Project and Center Stage. She has recorded three full-length CDs and a DVD.

Spoken-word poetry has its roots in the civil rights movement and uses the human voice to add layers of meaning to narratives designed to inflect and promote social commentary. This event is an extension of the Maryland Humanities Council's presentation, "Music of the Movement, The Impact of Music on the Civil Rights Movement," also Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center. For more information about "Music of the Movement," please visit <http://www.mdhc.org>.

This event with Nelson is presented by the Paul Peck Humanities Institute at Montgomery College and the Montgomery College Arts Institute in collaboration with the Maryland Humanities Council.

For more information about other events organized by the Paul Peck Humanities Institute, email Esther Schwartz-Mckinzie, institute director, at [esther.schwartz-mckinzie@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:esther.schwartz-mckinzie@montgomerycollege.edu) or visit <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/humanities>.

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