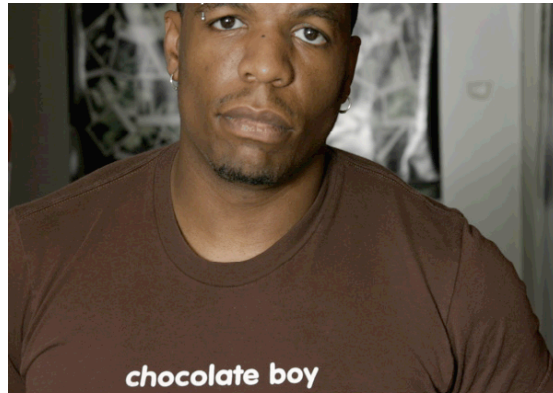


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Poet, Lyricist and Activist **Tim'm T. West** presents a Valentine's performance of
The Front Porch – Houston

Event: **The Front Porch: LOVE, LUST AND HEARTBREAK: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly**
When: **Friday, February 13, 2009**
Time: **Open Mic 7pm -8pm; Feature Performances: 8pm-9:30**
Where: **House of Finesse**
2912 Wentworth Street
Houston TX 77004
Cost: **\$5- \$10 Suggested Donation**
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HOUSTON, TX– Tim'm T. West present the latest chapter in his acclaimed The Front Porch series with Love, Lust and Heartbreak: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. An artistic interrogation on the feelings, highs, lows and essence of love; this engagement will be an exciting journey that will resonate with all.

The Front Porch is an eclectic and progressive showcase of soul, spoken word and hip-hop that has been a staple in Washington DC for more than three years and has also been hosted in Chicago, Oakland, Brooklyn, and Atlanta. Taking off from his experience growing up with music, stories, and poetry on Front Porches in Arkansas, **Tim'm** wanted to create a space where people from diverse walks of life could speak about their experience without trepidation of not being a SLAM poet, trying a new song, experimental performance art, erotica, or reading material (from a page) that is personal and/or about spirituality or healing. The event features a diverse range of critically acclaimed, forerunning artists in the independent soul, hip-hop and spoken word scene. **West** will serve as both a performer and host of the event; which will be more of a theatrical artistic collage showcasing the talents of local artists **Miss Money (Hip Hop/Gospel/Soul)**, **K. Dapree (Spoken Word/Poetry)**, and Dallas-based jazz/soul artist, **Mahogany**.

Advance Tickets/Reserved Seating available at: <http://www.reddirt.biz/thefrontporch.htm>

About Tim'm T. West

As a teacher, performance artist, author, and culture producer, **Tim'm** has become an exemplar among contemporary Renaissance personalities of the early 21st Century as he brings others to voice through education for critical consciousness. He co-founded the critically acclaimed, indie hip-hop group, Deep Dickollective, released two solo albums and three books. He was featured in two critically acclaimed Hip Hop documentaries: Alex Hinton's "Pick up the Mic" (LOGO) and will be featured in the upcoming "Bring Your 'A' Game" by Mario Van Peebles. He has served as Artist in Residence at ACS International School in London and has currently returned to Humboldt State University as a Visiting Lecturer in Ethnic Studies. His latest album is entitled **In Security: The Golden Error**. It represents a biographic music exploration of his struggle towards discovering the perfection in his imperfections; all while offering a dance worthy soundtrack with unforgettable collaborations and thought provoking lyrics. Find more information at www.reddirt.biz

Mahogany (Jazz/Soul: Dallas TX www.myspace.com/mahoganytheartist)

Sophisticated...beautiful...and cool. **Mahogany** continues to entice music lovers everywhere with her warm sound, smooth musical execution and classy approach to her Art. Candace "Mahogany" Miller is no stranger to the industry. You can catch her all over. She has had the honor of collaborating with the industries top producers: Darryl "Delite" Allamby, Chris "Deep" Henderson, Madukwu Chinwah and more. She has shared stages with pop legend JC Chasez, Tony Lucca, neo-soul sensation Erykah Badu, Jazz Legend Marchel Ivery, and Blood Sweat and Tears member Bill Tillman. From Country Western to Hip Hop hooks, Mahogany Music Productions was started in 1991 and continues to thrive. Because of its continued success in development and showcasing talent within the Dallas City Limits, it's borders have expanded and led to the start of the East Plano Inspiring Cultural Arts Programs Series (EPIC Aps). This series will bring National and Local professionals together to share their art and entertainment within the city of Plano and surrounding areas, whose Artistic culture is still young and developing.

K.Dapree (Poetry/Spoken Word: Houston)

Kevin Anderson a.k.a **K. Dapree**, a Los Angeles native, is an Intervention Facilitator for AIDS Foundation Houston in Houston, TX, where he now resides. Dapree is the founder and lead facilitator for Brother2Brother Gathering and Book Club for same-gender-loving brothers to discuss issues important to the community, while strengthening each other through fellowship and laughter. Dapree's fondest memories are picking up a paint brush and writing poetry at a very early age. Currently Dapree has made it his mission to fuse his Community Activism with his passion for the Arts.

Ms. Money (Hip Hop/Soul/Gospel: Houston www.myspace.com/djmissmoney)

Occasionally, the music industry births a story of extraordinary triumph. **Ms. Money** is more than just the accolades that her work has garnered. It is the reach that her works have. Capitalizing on a concept that she has learned from a life with Muscular Dystrophy, the concept of limits do not exist to her. Her music spans genre from hip hop to gospel, as do her varying accolades. In 2006 **Money** snagged Soundclick's top female artist spot, the no. 1 urban artist spot, a top 10 artist spot, the number 1 gospel artist spot and the no 1 gospel song title. She retained Soundclick's number 1 singer spot for '05, '06, '07 and '08. A continuous favorite in the US, Sweden, Canada and widely distributed in the UK (working with Dee-Lite Promotions and Soulchoonz); Houston's Ultimate Musical Multitasker '07 rise to further acclaim is broadcast via Sky Satellite Radio, XM Digital Radio and on more than 1,000 internet radio stations. Her worker as singer, songwriter, producer and OutMusic Award '06 nominee has been featured in Curve Magazine, The NY Times, Chille Magazine and "Pick Up Da Mic" (currently broadcasting on LOGO). More info at www.missmoney.net