

2017 MYAN National Conference

Young people in a multicultural world: Rethinking a new policy and practice agenda.

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Spoken Word Artists



Charlotte Raymond

Charlotte Raymond is a 23-year-old Melbourne poet and social worker. She is learning that there is no set way to be a woman of colour. Graced with Filipino, Sri Lankan roots, Charlotte seeks to understand the experience of people who have never felt 'ethnic enough'. Her writing explores her experience as a first-generation migrant and the layers of identity that build through intersectionality.

She is a three-time winner of Slamalamadingdong Poetry Slam, as well as winning Griffin Slam 2017. She has featured at Mother Tongue, Feasts and Beats run by Girls on Key, and Melbourne Spoken Word Says Yes. She has performed with The Body Speaks and has been published in DJed Press.

Visit <http://melbournespokenword.com/charlotte-raymond-how-to-drape-a-sari/> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lg9XMIJD-yU> for more from Charlotte.



Sharifa A Tartoussi

Sharifa A Tartoussi is a dental student, poet and performer. Equal parts worrier, warrior and all round human, when she is not squinting at teeth or hitting the books, she writes and sometimes, she works up the courage to perform.

She is involved in several creative projects, most notably becoming half the founding party of GriffinSpeak; a poetry and spoken word gig that runs quarterly and aims to create space for voices from marginalised groups around Melbourne.

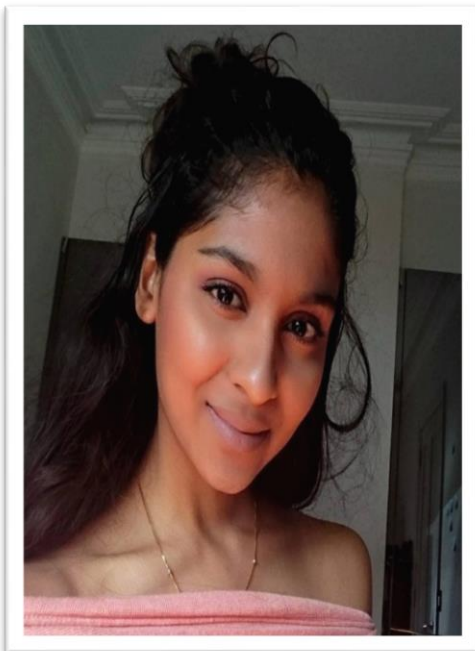
Her style has been described as teetering on the boundary between the fire that warms and the fire that burns with a unique mix of traditional storytelling,

millennial boundary pushing and raw emotion with influences from both eastern and western art and literature owing to her traditional Arab upbringing in a western climate.

Her work focuses mainly on ideas of race identity, feminism in the arts and what it means to be a young Middle Eastern Muslim woman living in a world that is constantly debating her right to exist.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrSKP2R1wtU> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2atBOvSysik> for more from Sharifa.

Soul Singer



Samantha Pereira

Featuring Samantha Pereira, 25 year old soul singer born and raised in Malaysia. She started playing the guitar at the age of 14 and singing since she could remember.

Sam has come over to Melbourne in 2013 to further her studies in communication design and has since graduated late last year. She is currently freelancing as a performer, designer and illustrator.