

## NEWS RELEASE

**CAPONI ART PARK**  
**LEARNING CENTER**

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### **Celebrate National Poetry Month at a Poetry Boot Camp**

*National Slam Champ Cynthia French in Eagan on April 26*

Eagan, MN – April 12, 2010– Kick-start your pencil and prose at a **Poetry Boot Camp on Monday, April 26 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Wescott Library** in Eagan. Presented by Caponi Art Park and Learning Center, the workshop is free and open to teens and adults (a \$5 donation is suggested and helps to make this event possible).



National poetry slam champion (and local spoken word diva) Cynthia French will help you jump-start the writing process and get comfortable performing. This fast-paced workshop will utilize examples of poems and performances from a variety of poets and poetry slam champions from around the country. Participants will be asked to read poems, participate in discussions and performance

exercises, write and share their writing. To register for the Boot Camp, visit

[www.caponiartpark.org/poetsinthepark](http://www.caponiartpark.org/poetsinthepark) or call 651.454.9412.

Teens interested in performing at Caponi Art Park's annual ***Poets in the Park Teen Poetry Slam on Saturday, May 8 (2pm)***, are encouraged to participate in the Poetry Boot Camp. *Poets in the Park* is open to teens age 13-19 and takes place in the Theater in the Woods amphitheater. Poets will compete for \$150 in cash prizes, and enjoy performances by artist's Cynthia French and Rob Martin, and break dance by The New Heist.

#### **About Caponi Art Park and Learning Center**

Located on 60-acres of rolling wooded hills in Eagan, Caponi Art Park and Learning Center is a distinctive community space offering cultural and educational experiences in an inviting, natural setting that seamlessly blends art and nature. Caponi Art Park, a non-profit organization, is open to the public May

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through October, every day except Monday at 9:00 a.m. and is located on Diffley Road east of Interstate 35E, between Pilot Knob Road and Lexington Avenue.

For more information about Caponi Art Park or *Poets in the Park*, visit [www.caponiartpark.org](http://www.caponiartpark.org) or contact our office at 651.454.9412.

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