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Local Poet, Cedric Mixon Publishes Book About Persevering Through Pain

Released August 15, *The Univer-Soul Language*, is an anthology of poetry written by individuals of various ethnicities and backgrounds. Sharing tales of love, life, and the human experience, these writers' stories are universal. Despite differences in language and inflection, the voices resound as a single unit bound by the rhythms of poetry.

Contributing poets of The Univer-Soul Language are: Sharia Kharif, Heather Smith, Monica Hill, Jacole, Kitchen, and Cedric Mixon. Sharia Kharif (Suga), has earned a BA from Fisk University and M.Ed. from Tennessee State University. Sharia has published a collection of poetry titled "Tears in the Wind," and is working on a

romance novel called "Tomorrow's Sharia Kharif Cedric Mixon Heather Smith Monica Hill Jacole Kitchen

Cedric Mixon will be available to sign copies of "The Univer Soul Language" on Saturday, August 20, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at Flight-Fantasy Books and Gifts, 4940 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19136.

Poetry Jam Radio Online. Cedric Mixon is the author of "Lost Letters," "Boldly Walking Naked," "Soul Mates," and "The Outspoken Word." Poetry from "Lost Letters" has been featured in *Essence*

Magazine. Jacole Kitchen, Monica Hill (Diselysia), and Heather Smith have shared their spoken words with audiences in New York, Kansas, Los Angeles, Atlanta, St. Louis, and Chicago. Monica Hill is working on her first book of poetry titled, "Figure of Speech."

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"No matter your background or ethnicity, you will surely relate to the words spoken in The Univer-Soul Language. Whether its issues of love, or the highs and lows of life, The Univer-Soul Language speaks to your heart," states Angela Kinamore, of Essence Magazine. Cedric Mixon will be available to sign copies of The Univer-Soul Language on Saturday, August 20, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at Flight-Fantasy Books and Gifts, 4940 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19136. The Univer-Soul Language can be

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For more information, visit www.kobaltbooks.com or email cedric.mixon@kobaltbooks.com. *The Univer-Soul Language, \$13.95* ISBN: 0-9754357-1-X Publisher: Kobalt Books, P.O. Box 1062, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 / 314-503-5462.

National Constitution Center to Mark 85th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment with

"Women Win the Vote: 85 Years and Beyond"

Sponsored by the National Constitution Center and the National Women's History Project

Women Win the Vote: 85 Years and Beyond," a national celebration of the 85th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, will be held on August 26 and 27 at the National Constitution Center, 525 Arch St. This two-day program, honoring the historic struggle for women's right to vote and exploring women's current legal status is co-sponsored by the National Constitution Center and the National Women's History Project of Santa Rosa, CA.

All sessions, other than the Friday evening reception and keynote presentation, are free and open to the public.

We are honored to be co-presenting this important celebration of a critical landmark in the struggle for women's equality," says Constitution Center President and CEO Richard Stengel. "Our museum tells the story of how America, through war, struggle and sacrifice over two centuries, has expanded the definition of 'We the People' and slowly widened the circle of liberty. This event recognizes the important achievements of women in that struggle, how far they have come and what work is left to be done to achieve that perfect union that the Framers first talked about."

The event begins at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 26 (Women's Equality Day) with films on woman suffrage and the Equal Rights Amendment. At 3 p.m., Sally Roesch Wagner and Fred Morsell will perform in "Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Frederick Douglass: Beyond Race and Gender in the Struggle for Equality."

A gala 19th Amendment anniversary reception at 5 p.m. with a special program and

silent auction will also celebrate the National Women's History Project's 25 years of writing women back into history.

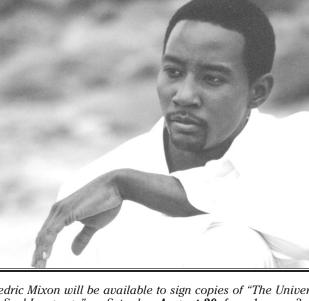
"This anniversary of the 19th Amendment is an excellent opportunity to honor the amazing organizing efforts of the many thousands of women and supportive men who worked to secure the vote for women in the United States," says the National Women's History Project's President and Co-Founder Molly Murphy MacGregor. "The story is a remarkable testimony to the unrelenting tenacity and spirit of women who were seen as powerless and yet who achieved the largest single extension of citizenship rights in our nation's history."

The 6:45 p.m. keynote session, "Democracy and Women's Equal Rights - Mutually Inclusive," will feature Martha Burk, Chair, National Council of Women's Organizations; Kay Maxwell, President, League of Women Voters of the U.S.; Roslyn Ridgeway, President, Federation of Business and Professional Women/USA; and Ellie Smeal, President, The Feminist Majority.

Admission tickets to the reception and keynote session are available for \$25 from the National Women's History Project (707-636-2888, nwhp@aol.com). If space remains, tickets will be available on-site on the day of the event.

The celebration will resume at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 27, with author Linda Ford discussing "Iron-Jawed Angels in Print and on Film," including clips from the 2004 TV movie. Panels will explore "Women and the

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