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Interview with Cedric Mixon
Poet/Owner of Kobalt Books/Kobalt Creative
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Greetings Cedric and Welcome to Mahogany.

M.M.R: How long have you been writing poetry?

C.M.: I've been writing poetry seriously since 1995, but I wrote my first poem at 1985.

M.M.R: How many Poetry books do you have published?

C.M. : 5, Lost Letters, Boldly Walking Naked, Soul Mates, The Univer-Soul Language, The Outspoken Word.

M.M.R. : What Inspires your poetry?

C.M. : My poetry always has some type of spiritual outlook, no matter how it begins. I always wanted to create poetry that could reach people, and possibly help them.

M.M.R. : Your poetry in The Univer-Soul Language is deep. I like the use of minimal words to strike a big impact. You have so many one liners that are golden as well. Like in " Ironic".

" I'm drowning with cement filled Reeboks" and then
again
at the end of the poem
" I write for the man
Who will change his life tomorrow
But will die tonight."

That poem is one of my favorites. As I listen to you, you provoke many emotions. You touch on love, struggle, finding balance, and finding faith. Your ability to touch the reader, the listener is remarkable. It's like your struggling between good and evil. Trying to move from the darkness of the past into the light.

All your poems are wonderful but my favorites are " I The Paper....Unfold Me,
Ironic, Locked Down, Your Return, For Me,"

The Univer-Soul Language is a nice collection. I was impressed by the first poem "Love Letters" by Sharia Kharif. All the poets are outstanding. You can relate with the words. This is a really nice collection Cedric. And the C.d. is just as good. The music doesn't drown out the voice like it does in some other spoken word C.d.'s.

Will there be other volumes coming out?

C.M.: There will be another volume coming soon, however we don't currently have a date. Right now we have

"The Hoodlum Preacher: I Was lost, Now I Am Found" which will be available everywhere quality books are sold, 4/25/06.

Along with that book, we are offering a cd as well. Here is a sampler of the cd: www.kobaltbooks.com/THP_PromoSampler.mp3

M.M.R. : What are you working on now?

C.M. : I am mostly promoting the works of Rev. Burton Barr Jr. for his book "The Hoodlum Preacher". This book documents his life, from prison to the pulpit. Barr went from standing in a police lineup to standing alongside Rev. Jesse Jackson. The Hoodlum Preacher details a life of crime and redemption, as a former drug addict now helps troubled youth and young prisoners avert a wasted life and to turn things around as he finally did. (For more book info: www.kobaltbooks.com/THP_Ad1.html)

M.M.R. : That sounds good. I'm looking forward to reading it.

C.M. : Sharia Kharif, who was featured in "The Univer-Soul Language" has a book called "Coon Tails", which will be coming out in May 2006, and a romance novel called "Tomorrow's Sun" that will be released later this year as well.

M.M.R. : She is an outstanding artist. I look forward to getting her work. She is wonderful to listen to.

M.M.R. : Tell me a little about Kobalt Books?

C.M.: Kobalt Books is a book publishing company, founded in 2003, designed to release quality books that have a purpose, far beyond entertainment. Books that can possibly make a difference in someone's life, for the better. Kobalt Books makes an attempt to promote positive images of the culture that is being represented. Kobalt Books currently has 16 titles in print.

M.M.R. : Tell me about Kobalt Creative:

C.M. : Kobalt Creative is an alternative outlet of creativity, where music is released as well as

DVD's. Kobalt Creative serves the same purpose as Kobalt Books, but through a different outlet other than books. We are currently promoting works from Ainoku, who is a hip-hop artist from St. Louis, MO. She fits into the Kobalt image, because each time she grabs the microphone, she is grabbing your heart as well. She is speaking about issues that make you think. She has the ability to draw emotions from her listeners. We have also been working with Maya Azucena on a few events. She is an Independent Recording Artist from New York, who does a lot of Soul/Neo-Soul/R&B. She is a true talent with an amazing voice, and will be featured on the Music Compilation for "The Hoodlum Preacher".

M.M.R. : Kobalt Books and Kobalt Creative have a lot to offer. Thank-you for taking the time to talk with us. We wish you well and look forward to good things coming from Kobalt Books and Kobalt Creative.

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The Book and the C.D The Univer-Soul Language is an outstanding collection Featuring Sharia Kharif, Cedric Mixon, Heather Smith, Monica Hill(Diselysia) and Jacole Kitchen.

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Sharia Kharif books & Cd's

Coon Tails : Coming Soon
Tears In The Wind: ISBN: 0975435744
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Mahogany Media Review voted The Univer-Soul Language
~Best Poetry.Spoken Word 2005~
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