



The Lantern

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Valentine's Day event highlights poetic romance and other themes by seasoned professionals and the Valerie Capers Trio knocks 'em dead with fabulous music.

DAVID MILLS reveals new horizons beyond his dynamic readings.

TONY MITCHELSON shares "Linyak Love."

BLIND BEGGAR PRESS OFFERS A ROMANTIC AFTERNOON IN FEBRUARY

Advertised as "ROMANCING THE MUSE," a music and poetry recital was held on February 14 at Layding Kaliba's brownstone in Harlem. More than 60 people were in attendance and grooved to the music of the Valerie Capers trio, featuring internationally-acclaimed pianist Valerie on piano, bassist extraordinaire John Henry Robinson on the bass, and music instructor/saxophonist and flautist, Alan Givens. Providing two sets of Jazz, Blues, and Latin selections, they brought the house down to the delight of all present.



The Valerie Capers Trio

Interspersed with the music were poets Brenda Connor-Bey, Gary Johnston, Jackie Johnson, Jose Angel Figueroa, Wanjiku Reynolds, David Mills, Americo Casiano, Layding Kaliba, and up and coming teenage poet Jetta Bright who gave the audience a perspective on how our positive youth view the world today. Poet/journalist C. D. Grant was the M.C. and also shared three of his original works.

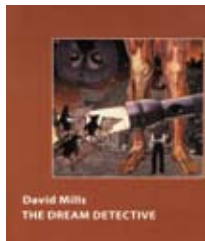


Teen poet Jetta Bright

For Video excerpts of the Valentine's Day Program on February 14, click on this link: [Valentine Romance/BBP](#).

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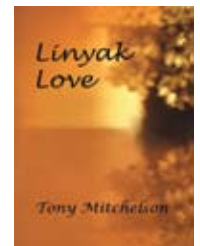
TWO FINE POETS SHARE THEIR WORK



David Mills
THE DREAM DETECTIVE
Straw Gate Books
Philadelphia, PA

David Mills has regaled audiences with readings at Blind Beggar Press events and at various venues in and outside of the City. His clear and concise delivery always captures our attention. With *The Dream Detective*, he seems to offer other sides of his muse which sometimes remind us of his readings, but many of the selections in this volume reveal different and possibly unforeseen elements in how he views the vicissitudes of his and others' lives. *Detective* is certainly fascinating reading and deserves our attention.

Tony Mitchelson is an effusive and enthralling reciter! That term fits him well because he seems to have memorized his material and delivers it with an emotional urgency that rivets one to his performances. *Linyak Love* attests to his desire for people to care about and support each other. "Linyak," paraphrased from the Creole, refers to "giving something extra" and Tony gives us something more in this new volume and in his delivery as he asks us to share in his mission and vision.



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