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press release

BROKEN LIGHT:

THE 16th ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE NEW YEAR'S DAY SPOKEN WORD / PERFORMANCE EXTRAVANGAZA

150 performers - PLUS OPEN MIC - FREE ADMISSION!

Friday, January 1st, 2010 - 2 PM to Midnight At the Bowery Poetry Club in Manhattan 308 Bowery, New York, NY 10012 Phone: 212- 614-0505

With gadgets and lenses, we explore the firmaments. When tired, we draw back to the earth, the seething seas and raging oceans. From the depths of the watery trenches, we see glimmering **Broken Light**. The rays of the sun are blocked by plastic bags and 6 pack rings. The refuse of our cities break the orange glow with islands of darkness. Still, some humans guard the seas with vigilance. Some day the **Broken Light** will revert to a bath of radiance.

Poets, musicians, dancers shine their talent past the darkness of play stations and videogames. We converge at the Bowery Poetry Club on New Year's Day. From 2 until midnight, we will perform FREE to the public for

Broken Light: The 16th Annual Alternative New Year's Day Spoken Word/Performance Extravaganza

Aside from this 16th annual extravaganza of the arts, there will also be a collection for Books Thru Bars. People can donate paperbacks for prisoners to read, in order to support literacy for this disenfranchised population. Also, we are collecting cans of food for Urban Pathways.

Some of the illustrious performers in this marathon are Cornelius Eady, Sparrow, Steve Dalachinsky, Jee Leong Koh, E.J. Antonio, Big Mike, Reverend Jen, Laura D., Anne Elliot, Bingo Gazingo, Bob Hart, Richard Kostelanetz, and J. D. Rage. The set designer of our event is the talented Su Polo.

See why our Alternative New Year's Day Spoken Word / Extravaganza has been a Critic's Choice for TIME OUT and on the Village Voice's Short List! See why the Bowery Poetry Club is The Place to be this New Year's Day!

> Bring canned food for Urban Pathways, and paperbacks for BOOKS THROUGH BARS