Distinguished Poets Series

Poetry Reading & Workshop

With

Michael Cirelli and Shara McCallum

Saturday, February 4, 2012
PCCC Hamilton Club
32 Church St, Paterson NJ

(973) 684-6555
www.pccc.edu/poetry

Writing Workshop

10 am – Noon $15.00

(pre-registration required)

Reading

1:00 pm – Free

(Open Reading follows)

ABOUT THE POETS

Michael Cirelli is the author of *Vacations on the Black Star Line* (Hanging Loose Press, 2010), which was named in About.com's Poetry Picks "Best Books of 2010," and *Lobster with Ol' Dirty Bastard* (Hanging Loose Press, 2008), which was a *NY Times* bestseller from an independent press. His work has appeared in *The Best American Poetry*, *New York Quarterly*, and *Texas Review*. He is the Executive Director of one of the nation's largest youth literary arts organizations, Urban Word NYC, and has authored two poetry curricula, *Poetry Jam* (Recorded Books, 2010) and *Hip-Hop Poetry & the Classics* (Milk Mug, 2004)

Shara McCallum is the author of *This Strange Land* (Alice James Books, 2011), *The Face of Water: New & Selected Poems* (Peepal Tree Press, UK, 2011), *Song of Thieves* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2003), and *The Water Between Us* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1999). She is the recipient of a Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize, and an Academy of American Poets Prize, and has been a Cave Canem Fellow and a Walter E. Dakin Fellow at the Sewanee Writers' Conference. She currently teaches and directs the Stadler Center for Poetry at Bucknell University.

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