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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CLOSING PROGRAM
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that a Poetry Slam held on Thursday, March 31, 2005 at Harold Washington College was the Closing Ceremony of Women's History Month. The special guest was Lisa Buscani, a National Poetry Slam Champion who served as the Mistress of Ceremony. The topic for the month was "*Women as Heroes: Telling Her Story in His Story*," and

that Lisa Buscani got her start in Chicago's performance poetry scene and ultimately became a National Poetry Slam Champion as well as a Pushcart Prize nominee. She has published one book of poetry, *Jangle* (Tia Chucha Press) and has produced two critically and publicly acclaimed solo shows, *Carnivale Animale* and *At That Time*. Her new solo show, *Solid Citizen*, premiered in August at the Neo-Futurarium in Chicago, and

that she has been featured in poetry anthologies such as *Alive from the NuYorican Poets Café* (Holt) and *Word Up* (Keyporter Books/EMI). She has appeared on HBO, CNN, PBS, Much Music and NPR. She is currently starring as "Sister" in the national tour of *Late Nite Catechism* and *Late Nite Catechism 2*, and

that at the closing ceremony event HWC faculty member Matt Shevitz performed with a 3-piece band and 10 students presented their poetry in which 3 of these students received prizes. Approximately 125 students were present in the audience for this event, and

that HWC's Women's History Month celebration and poetry slam's success is due to the cooperation of the various disciplines and departments at HWC. The subcommittee for this event consists of faculty members Rosie Banks, Amanda Loos, Cheryl Dias, and Betty Harris.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chancellor

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