

## Ayeda Husain

A journalist by profession, Ayeda Husain is a singer, a writer of poetry and short stories, as well as teacher of Sufi philosophy, literature and meditation & will present Rumi's poetry and her composition of his famous "Song of the Reed" accompanied by flutist, Hari Sreedhar. Recently she performed at the Dubai International Performing Arts Theatre where she presented her renditions of the poems and prayers of Sufi mystics, Jalaluddin Rumi and Rabia Basri. Pakistani by origin, she was educated at NYU and Princeton University and has been interviewed by Time Magazine, the BBC, and many such reputed centres.



## Bahareh

Bahareh Amidi is an Iranian-American poet based in Abu Dhabi. She writes inspirational and spiritual poetry of harmony and peace - what she describes as 'poetry of light'. Bahareh has written over 50 poetry collections in English and Persian; performed at many prestigious events including Dubomedv Festival, Emirates Literature Festival and Abu Dhabi International Book Fair. Bahareh's poetry range from exploration of life and its experiences, to finding hope, rising above the odds in life, women's and children's issues, world peace and harmony.

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## Paul D

Paul D from Georgia, USA and currently based in Abu Dhabi is an award-winning poet, certified Language Arts teacher, and Hip-Hop artist. Paul D uses a captivating mix of imagery, word play, concepts, and storytelling in his live performances. Paul was featured in AIB's Emmy-nominated "Sound of Youth" program for his poetry mentoring in Atlanta area schools, and has a poetry book, spoken word CD, and four rap albums to his credit. Paul is the founder of Black on Black Rhyme and has recently opened up 'Rooftop Rhythms', the extremely successful and popular 'open mic' session in Abu Dhabi.



## Hamdah Khalfan Al Mansouri

Hamdah Khalfan Al Mansouri is an Emirati poet based in Abu Dhabi. She takes inspiration from her special needs challenges to express her thoughts and insights in her poetry. She believes that poetry is a friend and companion to special needs people who can show that they are like everyone else despite the challenges they face through poetry. Hamdah works for the Abu Dhabi Higher Organisation for Special Needs.



## Hamed Abdi

Writing under the nom de plume "Satah...", Hamed Abdi is a linguist-translator academician based in Dubai who has created an imaginary haven; "Dotland", in his mind to creep into and away from the routines of the hectic 21st century. There at Dotland, poetry is abound and poets from all times and tongues get together to share their refined views of the fine prints in life.



## Jamal Iqbal

Jamal is a self-confessed people watcher. Whether on a sidewalk café or in a bus in some strange land. Constantly observing, recording, regurgitating on a white sheet or a white screen of late. Pretending to be an actor, poet, comic, writer, director, gourmet, gourmand, creative director, singer and starving artiste in no particular order of (dis)belief, he believes in brevity when it comes to poetry. His thousand words still unfinished, jamal insists HE WALKS FREE.

