



The 3rd National
2005 APIA Spoken Word & Poetry Summit

“First there was the word...then there was the fist!”

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Dear Family and Friends,

This summer, your friends at the Boston Progress Arts Collective will host the 2005 Asian/Pacific Islander Spoken Word & Poetry Summit, bringing over 100 APIA writers, performers, artists, and community members together to share their work and grow the movement. There is additional pressure on us this year because the site selection process wasn't complete until March, a full six months after it was expected! It is also the first time the Summit will be on the East Coast, *and* the first time it is not held in the same city as the National Poetry Slam.

After mobilizing members of APIA arts groups and organizations from over 15 cities, the first Summit in 2001 brought over 120 people to Seattle. Two years later, the 2003 Summit saw 150 registrants in Chicago. This year, we expect similar numbers, and we want to expose Summit participants to the kind of activism and action going on in our communities in Boston and the rest of New England.

The mission of the summit is to give a unified, national voice to the concerns of the APIA community and address the vital role we as artists play in the development and empowerment of our community. Participants are the youth workers, teachers, poets, actors, writers, visual artists, monologists, history keepers and future of Asian America.

Boston Progress Arts Collective has been very fortunate to be part of the Asian/Pacific Islander American movement, which has helped redefine and love ourselves beyond the basic identity politic, beyond the rhetoric and propaganda, and onto a path towards changing this world into something worth living in and fighting for. As we continue our fight from generation to generation, it is the work of artists to motivate, educate, and memorialize the work of our communities.

The only bad news is this: the last two Summits have taught us that hosting an event of this magnitude takes more money than we wish it did. Costs include facility rental, transportation, food, workshop supplies, and travel/lodging for guest speakers. Registration fees have been kept low for the artists, with the majority of the costs being absorbed by Boston Progress. If you support our work, we hope you will consider making a contribution; a donation of as little as \$10 will help.

The Summit started as a “what if” conversation between four people, and has grown into a nationwide dream; we want to keep that energy growing and hold the best Summit to date. And believe this: struggling artists never forget a funder. For those that believe in the intrinsic ties art has with creating culture and community, then you understand why the Summit is necessary, and you understand why we are looking for your help.

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- \$10** cinquain (a form of poetry with 5 lines of 2, 4, 6, 8, and 2 syllables)
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