



WRITE CLUB

LITERATURE AS BLOODSPORT

The What



"Best of Chicago," Chicago Magazine 2024 "Best Brainy Battle of Words"

Founded by Ian Belknap, Write Club is the world's greatest competitive reading series, featuring only the most audacious and fearsome of writers and performers. It's Live Lit at its most vibrant and visceral. It also pays its artists for their work. Novel.

The Show



3 BOUTS 6 COMBATANTS 3 WINNERS

Two Combatants go head-to-head with opposing topics and have up to 7 minutes at the mic to convince the audience to cheer loudest for them. Three randomly selected judges decides who wins. There is a prize.

The Prizes



Money & The Loving Cup of Deathless F*cking Glory

Every Combatant receives \$50. The Winner of each bout receives \$100.

Write Club will pay for childcare and transportation reimbursements for its artists when needed.

The Team



Corrbette Pasko

Producer, Host, Marketing
Director, Booking Manager,
Overbeing



Josh Zagoren

Co-producer, Timekeeper



Bilal Dardai

Co-Producer



Jill Hopkins

Co-producer, Venue Rep



Laura Marsh

Marketing Assistant



**Kyle Hamman/
KBH Media**

Video Producer

The Why

There are Poetry Slams. There is Storytelling. There are even Story Slams. And, there is **Literature as Bloodsport**. That's us. Write Club offers a unique experience, inspiring writers to write and perform new material every time. We bring playful, fierce competition to the field, turning the presentation of original written work into battle. Audiences come to hear something they will only hear then and there, and they are invigorated by the sport of it. "Live Lit," as coined by founder Ian Belknap, allows writers to grow in their craft and crowds to raucously celebrate the written word. We do it because art is necessary in all forms, and we believe our approach is exciting and accessible.



The Ask



Small Team, Big Things

We are a small team of freelancers pooling our collective decades of industry experience to make Write Club happen. Our goal is to have it thrive sustainably, not just happen.

Currently, Write Club Chicago is seeking funds to maintain baseline operations. This includes the cost of producing, hosting, marketing, filming/editing, website, Combatant (artist) pay and administrative costs.

We invite you to be part of an extraordinary, original live arts battle.

Join Us

Get your name, your business, and your goods in front of a captive audience, aged 25-65, with disposable income. Our crowd LOVES supporting local shops, bands, bars, food, shows and more.

As a sponsor, your message will be amplified in the 150 seat capacity backroom at GMan Tavern: digital ads, element naming, pure celebration of your existence, for all to see.

There are many options available. We stand by one of the rare true clichés: every little bit helps.

Discover what we can build together so our audience is as loyal to you as they are to us.

The Answer

Write Club costs \$1500 per show to produce. Below is how you can help Literature as Bloodsport sustain.



**CHAMPION'S
CHAMPION**

\$100

**Sponsor One
Round's
Winner**

- Stage shout-out
- Name listed on website
- Optional "Champion of the Night" social media mention



**TRIPLE
THREAT**

\$300

**Sponsor All Three
Winners for One
Show**

- Stage shout-out
- Branding on winner posts
- "Triple Threat Sponsor" badge on website



**BATTLE
MASTER**

\$450

**Sponsor All
Combatants
for One Show**

- Stage shout-out
- Name listed on website
- Branding on winner posts
- "Battle Master" badge on website



**STAFF OF
VICTORY**

\$400

**Sponsor Staff
Pay for One
Show**

- Stage shout-out
- Name listed on website
- Branding on photo posts



**THE
WATCHER**

\$500

**Sponsor Video
Recording for
One Show**

- Stage shout-out
- Branding on season marketing materials
- Mentions on all video pieces for that show

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**PATRON
SAINT**

\$850

**Sponsor
Artists & Staff
for One Show**

- Stage shout-out
- Branding on marketing materials
- Branding on the videos from supported show



**MEDIA
MAGNATE**

\$1000

**Sponsor
Photography &
Marketing**

- Stage shout-out
- Branding on photos
- Show element named for you



**SEASON
SAVIOR**

\$3000

**Foster a
Season**

- Stage shout-out
- Branding on all marketing materials
- Digital and live stage ad options
- Show element named for you
- Recognition as "Season Sponsor"



**THE RING-
MASTER**

\$5000

**Sponsor a
Season**

- "Presented by" billing
- Stage shout-out
- Branding on everything
- Show element named for you
- Branded Cocktail at shows
- Custom Perk

The How

To start the conversation about supporting
WRITE CLUB: Literature as Bloodsport,
please email Corrbette Pasko at info@writeclubnation.com.

