

# Wake Forest Gazette

*Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government. – Thomas Jefferson*

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## Magic and poetry combine for stirring entertainment

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Local performance artist Antino Art – whose award-winning work merges visual magic with spoken word poetry – will bring together poets and magicians from around the Triangle and beyond in a show that promises to move audiences beyond words.

When Magic Found Poetry: A show beyond words debuts from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Wake Forest Coffee Company. Visit [www.antinoart.com/shows](http://www.antinoart.com/shows) to purchase tickets.

"Magic appeals to the intellect by blowing the mind while poetry appeals to emotions by striking the heart," Art said. "When performed as one, the possibilities are endless."

Among those performing will be Wake Forest resident Colin Watson, better known by his pen name of Watson, whose emphatic storytelling style draws inspiration from punk rock and blind faith to leave his audiences in speechless tears.

Travis Kyng from the Raleigh-based group Press Play Poetz will bring his spitfire performance style to the stage and aims to use his poetry as a way to spark meaningful conversations.

Beyond local acts, the show will also feature Mark Espinosa and Datta Knighten, who both hail from a Florida-based magician troupe called the House of Flying Cards, and Alex Geiser, an underground magic legend from Las Vegas who was recently featured on the TV show "Penn & Teller: Fool Us."

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