

Dear BPAC Fam,

Boston Progress Arts Collective is creating its first anthology of writing, artwork, and music!

The concept of the inaugural issue is to reflect on BPAC's journey from its conception to the anticipated 5th year anniversary of the East Meets Words Open Mic series, commemorating the many faces and voices that have contributed in their own unique ways to the force that is Boston Progress Arts Collective today! Currently, we have grown from running East Meets Words to maintaining BPRlive.org, an online blog and streaming radio; organizing Open Orchestra, a monthly open jam session; Open Notebook, a new writing workshop; and Movie Night, a new program screening API*-relevant films.

This all would not be possible without the energy, creativity, and inspiration of the larger BPAC family. We are inviting participants to submit new or old pieces to be considered for publication in this special issue! While the programming thrives on the dedication and efforts of volunteers and the donation of the East Meets West bookstore space from the Kong family, Boston Progress itself makes little money to support programming initiatives. A significant portion of the \$3 suggested donations collected at all of our regular events contributes towards rent, while a small portion is used to compensate featured artists or goes towards BPAC funds. The zine aims to celebrate and disseminate the Asian American arts that have blessed the activities, events, and spirit of Boston Progress, while profits go towards future BPAC projects. The zine will be distributed at BPAC events and at as many community spaces that will permit us to do so!

Please feel free to submit more than one work, but try to limit the total word count of your written submission(s) to ~1000 words. Electronic versions of all forms of work are preferable for formatting. Please provide high res files for images and .doc, .rtf or .pdf files for text. Please do not send original work, as we will not be able to return submissions.

Submissions should be e-mailed to bpazine@gmail.com and/or mailed to:

East Meets West bookstore
BPAC zine
934 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Also, we would like for you to include a short bio (~150 words or less) with your submission as well as a completed basic information form for each submission (please see attached file). Although we are unable to provide monetary compensation for your work, we hope that by including personal information artists may gain exposure to a greater audience and future opportunities to share their works.

We are accepting submissions from now until October 1, 2009. We will make selections by November 1, 2009. The first issue will be ready for distribution on March 12, 2010, at East Meets Words' Fifth Anniversary!

Thank you for being a crucial member of the larger BPAC family! We hope that you will continue to support BPAC by staying an active presence.

Peace,
The BPAC Zine Team