

Chicago Folk Musician and Local Poets Join Pride Celebrations

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Folk musician and spoken word artist James Mitchell will be giving a performance as part of Albuquerque Pride's "30 Days to 30 Years" and in conjunction with the opening of VSA's N4th Theatre & Gallery.

On Saturday, May 27, at 7 p.m., Mitchell will headline Poetry & Folk Night, the closing event of N4th Theater & Gallery's month-long series of opening celebrations, and the event will open with Albuquerque slam poet Danny Solis and VSA Poets.

Mitchell is a political writer and social observer of contemporary American life

to layer textures in his songwriting. His songs are people's stories often told from the first person perspective, some obvious, some buried in metaphor and others instrumental. His lyrics come to life as thought provoking poetry.

In the spring of 2003, Mitchell set up residence in Chicago, and began working on his upcoming album "Resemble," his first professional recording scheduled for imminent release. Mitchell thinks the title track best defines his style. "Resemble is about adjusting to new experiences and getting through a hard time," he said. "It's about finding the resemblance between

Solis and VSA Poets, along with members of the 2005 Poetry Slam Team, will open for Mitchell. Solis has been called the Poet Laureate of Albuquerque and has won local and international poetry slam awards. He and members of the 2005 Albuquerque Poetry Slam Team have been in residence with VSA's Day Arts poetry class, who will give an inaugural performance.

The show begins at 7 p.m. with a post performance reception; \$15/general admission; call (505) 345-2872 x 18 for tickets & information. VSA North Fourth Art Center is located at 4904 Fourth Street