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**Nikki Giovanni presents:  
"The 100 Best  
African American Poems"**

***On Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Busboys and Poets (5<sup>th</sup> & K), award-winning poet, writer, and activist Nikki Giovanni will sign and discuss her collection of "The 100 Best African American Poems".***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Nikki Giovanni is a world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator who's inspiring career has spanned over three decades. She is the author of more than two dozen books for adults and children that have received numerous honors and awards including Grammy and National Book Award nominations for her spoken-word album, *The Nikki Giovanni Poetry Collection*.

Her latest poetry collection, "The 100 Best African American Poems", highlights a vibrant collection of works that spans from historic to modern, from structured to freeform, and reflects the rich roots and visionary future of African American verse. From Gwendolyn Brooks and Langston Hughes to Tupac Shakur, Natasha Trethewey, E. Ethelbert Miller and many others, the voice of a culture comes through in this collection, one that is as talented, diverse, and varied as its people.

Nikki will be signing copies of the new book and leading a discussion during a free and open full-store event at the Busboys and Poets at 1025 5th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Several of Giovanni's titles, including the featured title, will be available for purchase at the Global Exchange store located within the restaurant.

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**Busboys and Poets** is a restaurant, bookstore, fair trade market and gathering place where people can discuss issues of social justice and peace.