

WORD SPROUT (in collaboration with MAXIMUM VERBOSITY) presents:
THE NOT-SO-SILENT PLANET: A SPECULATIVE OPEN MIC
hosted by phillip andrew bennett low
at Kieran's Irish Pub, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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"Stories of the sort I am describing...they cool us...hence the uneasiness which they arouse in those who, for whatever reason, wish to keep us wholly imprisoned in the immediate conflict. That perhaps is why people are so ready with the charge of 'escape'. I never wholly understood it until my friend Professor Tolkien asked me the very simple question, "What class of Men would you expect to be most preoccupied with, and most hostile to, the idea of escape?" and gave the obvious answer: jailers."

- C.S. Lewis, *On Stories*

Have you ever imagined a world whose laws of physics differ from our own? Welcome to the Twin Cities' first open-mic dedicated to speculative fiction: fantasy, sci-fi, supernatural horror, or anachronistic interpretations of myth! Sign up for 5-7 minutes, and tell us about a place of which we've never dreamt.

Growing poetry and storytelling one word at a time. Word Sprout is based in Minneapolis and specializes in producing and capturing Live Literature at its finest. We are committed to providing both open forums and curated stages for people to embrace and share the words that are most important to them in storytelling, poetry, and genre bending verbal explosions. Word Sprout prospers under the cultivation of Allison Broeren. She is a storyteller, poet, spoken word artist, educator, and holds a Masters in Business Administration.

Taking place at **Kieran's Irish Pub**, 85 N 6th St, Minneapolis
Doors and sign-up at 8pm, show at 8:30pm

Tuesday, October 20th, 2015: feature performer **TIM UREN**
Tuesday, November 17th, 2015: feature performer **ROB CALLAHAN**
Tuesday, January 19th, 2016: feature performer **TIM WICK**
Tuesday, February 16th, 2016: feature performer **BEN SAN DEL**
Tuesday, March 15th, 2016: feature performer **JOSHUA ENGLISH SCRIMSHAW**
Tuesday, June 21st, 2016: feature performer **MICHAEL MERRIAM**

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Tickets are on a \$5-\$10 sliding scale, \$3 with a Fringe button.
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