

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

WVEA Professional Issues Conference

Plans are being finalized for the WVEA's annual Professional Issues Conference. The conference will be held in Charleston, WV at the Marriott Hotel on November 6-7, 2009.

All participants must pre-register through the WVEA. The conference will begin on Friday, November 6 with a group dinner and a keynote presentation from **Mr. Taylor Mali**, an award winning poet, author and former NYC educator. The conference will conclude on Saturday with lunch.

The individual sessions are currently being scheduled and confirmed. Conference information and registration forms are also available on the WVEA Website at www.wvea.org in the "Teaching and Learning" section. The conference agenda will be posted as presenters are confirmed. Checks for the conference registration fee must accompany your form in order for you to be registered.

Deadline for registration is **Wednesday, October 21, 2009**. Your registration fee includes Friday night's lodging (if applicable), dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday as well as all handouts and materials. Space is limited to the first 250 participants that register.

If you have any questions about the conference, contact Kym Randolph at 1.800.642.8261 extension 211 or Anita Maxwell at 1.800.642.8261 extension 116. ■

FEATURED SPEAKER

Taylor Mali is one of the most well-known poets to have emerged from the poetry slam movement. Eloquent, accessible, passionate and often



Taylor Mali

downright hilarious, Mali studied drama in Oxford with members of The Royal Shakespeare Company and puts those skills of presentation to work in all his performances.

Mali is a vocal advocate of teachers and the nobility of teaching, having spent nine years in the classroom teaching everything from English and history to math and S.A.T. test

preparation. He has performed, lectured and presented workshops for teachers all over the world. Mali's *New Teacher Project* has a goal of creating 1,000 new teachers through "poetry, persuasion and perseverance."

He is the author of two books of poetry, *The Last Time As We Are* and *What Learning Leaves* as well as four CDs of spoken word. He received a New York Foundation for the Arts Grant in 2001 to develop *Teacher! Teacher!*; a one-man show about poetry, teaching and math which won the jury prize for best solo performance at the 2001 Comedy Arts Festival. His poem *What Teachers Make* is a must hear for all educators.

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REGISTRATION FORM

"West Virginia's Public Schools Work"

November 6-7, 2009

Marriott Hotel • Charleston, WV

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

School _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (W) _____

E-mail _____

Registration Category (select one below)

Member/per person rates

___ \$50 double

___ \$80 single

___ \$30 commuter

Non-member rate/per person

___ \$100 double

___ \$150 single

___ \$60 commuter

Roommate's Name: (if applicable)

Make checks payable to
WVEA PIC Conference and mail to:

WVEA/PIC
1558 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25311

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009