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FIRST THURSDAY'S CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: DESIRE: POETRY, MUSIC AND DANCE.

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center's Concert Series welcomes *Desire: Poetry, Music and Dance* on Thursday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m., in the Peter White Public Library's Community Room. Carrie Biolo, who holds a Master of Music degree in Percussion Performance from DePaul University in Chicago and leader of the ensemble, is joined by performer and published poet, Beverly Matherne, dancer and performance artist, Maria Formolo, and dancer, Clara Biolo Thompson. Matherne will perform her original Cajun blues poetry in French and English set to original percussion music by Biolo, with captivating dance choreographed by NMU dance instructor Maria Formolo. This performance features vibraphone and percussion music accompanied by voice, movement, visual images and pre-recorded sound. In April of this year, the ensemble performed Cajun Blues in Sitges, Spain for the Catalonia-America Festival, as well as in Barcelona, Spain.

Biolo is co-founder of Percussive Attack Camp, percussionist with the Marquette Symphony Orchestra and is a featured artist on Exploding Star Orchestra's 2010 release, *Stars Have Shape*. She has traveled to Italy to perform at the prestigious St. Anna Arrissi Jazz Festival.

Beverly Matherne has a Ph.D. in Drama from Saint Louis University. A professor in the Department of English at Northern Michigan University, Matherne takes influence from her upbringing in New Orleans, with the culture, music, and language. She is author to six bilingual books of poetry.

Maria Formolo, also a professor at Northern Michigan University for multiple movement courses, is known for her collaborations with artists, composers, writers and mask makers. Currently she is teaching and developing a dance program at the University where she completed a Master's Degree of Individualized Study, in 2011.

A donation of \$5.00 is requested at the door to defray the artist's cost. For more information please call (906) 228-0472 or e-mail arts-culture@mqcty.org.

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