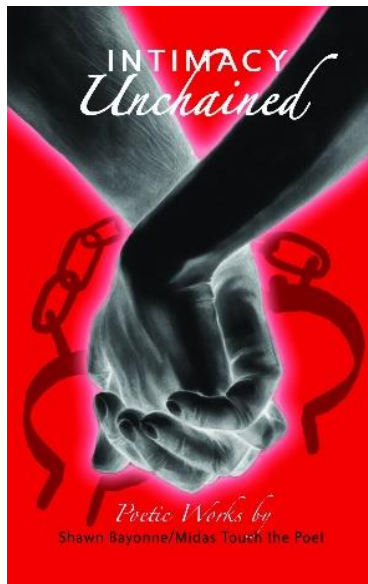




FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**HUNDREDS GATHER FOR EXCLUSIVE FIRST LOOK AT LOUISIANA AUTHOR'S
REVOLUTIONARY BOOK OF POETRY**

*Author Shawn Bayonne Releases Intimacy Unchained to Critical Acclaim
As Fans Proclaim Love Has Never Sounded So Sexy*



Houston-- There has never been a book of poetry as unapologetically raw, honest and decadently sensual as ***Intimacy Unchained***. Critics across the country agree the debut work by acclaimed poet Shawn Bayonne, aka “Midas Touch”, set the literary world ablaze following its release. Hundreds flooded the famed Houston Improv for the *Unchained Poetry Showcase* to witness the Natchitoches, Louisiana native perform pieces from his highly anticipated book and to seize a rare opportunity to secure an autographed copy. The VIP event marked the official launch of the exclusive ***Intimacy Unchained*** media tour.

Bayonne’s rapturous essays span an array of emotions that capture the essence of love and the intricacies of relationships with rapier precision. Critics have compared the author’s first effort to the unorthodox, militant style of poet, writer and activist Nikki Giovanni, the depth and literary aesthetics of Langston Hughes and the romance and mythic symbolism of John Keats. The intellectual relevance of ***Intimacy Unchained’s*** subject matter even has academics in Grambling State University’s English department courting the talented author.

Carlos Wallace, a professor at Lone Star College in Houston says “The pieces (in *Intimacy Unchained*) are textured with legitimate meaning punctuated by hyperboles



and entendres; just enough poetic license to drive one's senses to the brink of ecstasy without the wild exaggerations that would trivialize the flow and devalue the work.

New York television anchor Liz Faublas calls the poems hauntingly captivating, adding:

"While I have always appreciated the genre, I can say after reading *Intimacy Unchained* I now view poetry through a more sophisticated lens. The depth, meaning and vivid imagery assailed my senses and stretched my romantic intellect. A smart work replete with honest, fearless emotion. Anyone in love with love, should read this book."

Bayonne, who is currently working on creating and producing his own television show and plans on developing a poetry showcase in Houston, is the quintessential artist and a refined talent with a notable penchant for Romanticism.

Readers will have an opportunity to meet the newly minted author Saturday, September 3, 2016 7:00 PM at Tim & Tia's at 201 Settlers Trace Blvd #3011 Lafayette, LA 70508 and Sunday October 9, 2016 1:00 PM at Happy Nappy Day Poets in the Park Sunday 12525 Wellington Park/ Houston TX 77072.

To book Shawn Bayonne for an interview, performance or speaking engagement please contact: (225) 715-8491.

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