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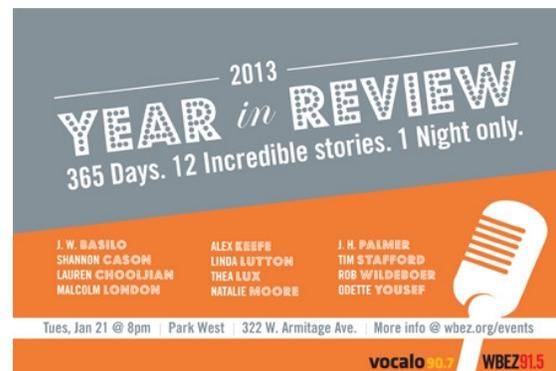
## REPORTERS, COMEDIANS AND STORYTELLERS TAKE ON 2013 FOR THE INAUGURAL *YEAR IN REVIEW*

**WBEZ reporters share the stage with poets, spoken word artists and comedians to present personal stories and powerful moments connected to major events of 2013, Tuesday, January 21 at Park West**

CHICAGO (January 9, 2014) – Three hundred and sixty-five days, 12 incredible stories, one night. WBEZ reporters mix it up with comedians, poets and spoken word artists for the first-ever *Year in Review*, a fun-filled evening of topical storytelling informed by the headlines of 2013. Education reporter Linda Lutton riffs on Chicago's school closings while Moth GrandSLAM Champion Shannon Cason recounts his shock when his hometown, Detroit, went bankrupt. And that's just two of the 12 months. *This Much Is True* founder Scott Whitehair and Moth GrandSLAM Champion Stephanie Douglass co-host the inaugural *Year in Review* on Tuesday, January 21, 8:00 p.m. at Park West, 322 W. Armitage. Tickets are \$25; \$18 for WBEZ members; and \$10 for students at [www.wbez.org/year-review-109283](http://www.wbez.org/year-review-109283).

Miley Cyrus twerking, the ACA website debacle, the government shutdown, Edward Snowden.... all are great story fodder. Six WBEZ reporters – Lutton, Odette Yousef (North Side), Alex Keefe (politics), Natalie Moore (South Side), Lauren Chooljian (general assignment) and Rob Wildeboer (criminal and legal affairs) – and six local poets, comedians, and storytellers – Cason, J. H. Palmer (*That's All She Wrote*), Malcolm London (spoken-word poet), J. W. Basilo (Chicago Slam Works), Tim Stafford (Chicago Poetry Slam Champion) and Thea Lux (comedian) – each take a month and tell a five-minute story about the news that mattered to them in 2013 and the events that shaped Chicago and the world. Co-hosts Scott Whitehair and Stephanie Douglass fill in gaps in the news of the year and keep things rolling while DJ Ayana Contreras provides music and commentary.

"*The Year in Review* was inspired by The Moth and the idea that WBEZ is a storytelling institution," explains Don Hall, Chicago Public Media's Director of Live Events. "It's a tongue in



cheek review of an entire year in stories, from both the news of the day and from a personal standpoint. We are excited to present our folks in a way audiences have never seen them."

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