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Pooh to Children of the Corn"

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**HENRY  
BOWERS**

KUNG HENRY

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# HENRY BOWERS

**Henry Bowers** is one of Europe's leading slam-poets. He is also nationally known and acclaimed as one of Sweden's best hip-hop acts.

**Henry Bowers'** poetry and music is reflecting society as well as his person with a huge spark in the eye and a lot of irony. It's intelligent, sharp and to the point. In an effective way he breaks down the wall between high culture and mass culture as he takes influences from and refers to everything from horror films and children's stories to classic masterpieces and great philosophers, everything combined with a dose of humour.

**Henry Bowers'** three years of studying philosophy is reflected in his lyrics and you also find influences from literary role models such as Franz Kafka, Paul Auster and Edgar Allan Poe. His musical influences come from a wide range of genres. Among them hip-hop acts like Public Enemy, Aesop Rock, Saul Williams and Buck 65, other than that influences are taken from punk, metal, reggae and artists like Johnny Cash, Tom Waits and Woody Guthrie.

On stage **Henry Bowers** Performs with DJ Lo-kut, together with whom he also runs his own record label Kafkaotiska Inspelningar (Kafkaotic Recordings).

**Henry Bowers** is a quite busy performer with up to 40-50 shows a year.

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# RECENT EVENTS

**Henry Bowers** was recently visiting Botswana where he performed his poetry and hip-hop at the Infinite Word Festival in Gaborone. He also appeared on Botswana national radio.

**Henry Bowers** was also in Bolzano, Italy, not long ago where he competed in the International Poetry Slam and ended up in 2nd place.

**Henry Bowers'** latest release is an EP together with **DJ Large** (known from "Mobbade Barn Med Automatvapen", and his cooperations with artists such as Promoe, Petter, Ison & Fille etc.). The EP is called "Rappin' For Food" and is available both on vinyl and CD. He has also finished his next album "Escape From Juniper Hills", which is scheduled to be released before summer 2009.



# BIOGRAPHY

**Henry Bowers** has been seen at:

- 2003** • Winner of the part "voice and motion" in the Swedish poetry slam championship in Malmö.  
• Poetry Slam-appearances at the Hultsfred Festival in Sweden.
- 2004** • Winner of the Swedish poetry slam championship in Åvesta  
• Henry and his poetry collective "Poeter blir dom..." ("Poets are those...") appear during all the days of the Hultsfred festival in Sweden  
• Appearances with Riksteatern JAM at the Arvika, Popaganda and Piteå Dansar och Ler-festivals in Sweden.
- 2005** • Third place in the world slamchampionships in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.  
• Appearance with Riksteatern JAM at the Hultsfred, Arvika and Popaganda-festivals in Sweden.  
• Guest Poet at Substanz Slam in München, Germany, the biggest individual Poetry Slam-contest in Europe.
- 2006** • Winner of The Four Continent Slam-tour in Great Britain. This is a contest where eight of the worlds foremost slam-poets from four different continents tour the UK for 14 days, and one winner is appointed.  
• Second place at the International Slam-revue in Berlin, Germany.  
• Appearance with Riksteatern JAM at the Arvika Festival in Sweden.  
• Once again guest poet at Substanz Slam in München Germany, the biggest individual Poetry Slam-contest in Europe.  
• Guest Poet in the Copenhagen Poetry Slam, at Ideal Bar (Vega) in Denmark.  
• Takes Part in the Poetry Africa-festival in South Africa, that lasts two weeks. Both poetry readings and hiphop-gigs in Johannesburg and Durban. Henry also holds poetry workshops in different schools.
- 2007** • Once again guest Poet in the Copenhagen Poetry Slam, at Ideal Bar (Vega) in Denmark.  
• Guest Poet at the BBC National Slam in Brighton, UK.  
• Appearing at the ABC (Augsburg Brecht Connected) -festival in Augsburg, Germany. Other poets like Ainsley Burrows and Beau Sia were also there.  
• 2nd place in the International Poetry Slam della Notte Bianca in Rome, Italy.  
• Performed as opening act for Sage Francis, together with the group Amok.
- 2008** • Performing as opening act for Buck 65 at Debaser in Stockholm.  
• Appearing at the Infinite Word Festival in Gaborone, Botswana.  
• Participating in the International Poetry Slam in Bolzano, Italy, ending up at 2nd place.  
• Working with and releasing another artist on the own record label Kafkaotiska Inspelningar, the Uppsala rapper known as Spakur. The album is called "Lördagen den 14:e" ("Saturday the 14th") and both Henry and DJ Lo-kut are featured on it.  
• Featured as voice actor in the video game "Chronicles of Riddick: Assault on Dark Athena", by Starbreeze Studios.



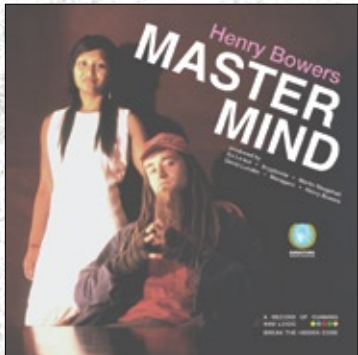
# DISCOGRAPHY



## RAPPIN' FOR FOOD - 2007

KI12"05 / KICD02

3 songs done together with DJ Large. Released on 12" vinyl and CD-single.



## MASTER MIND - 2004

KI12"04

11-track album, on 12" vinyl. Is also available on CD-R.



## PAPPA FÖRTÄRDE INFERNO 7" - 2003

KI7"01

2 songs on 7"-vinyl, with production by Filthy and DJ Lo-kut respectively.



## SOPHELIKOPTERN 7" - 2003

KI7"02

3 songs, done together with Beat Prophets, a dub collective from Uppsala. Released on 7" vinyl.



## KLOCKSPEL - 2002

KI12"02

6-song EP, with productions by DJ Lo-kut, Martin Skogehall and Mad Cow-productions. Released on 12"-vinyl.



## EXPERIMENTET SOM GICK SNETT - 2001

KI12"01

7-song EP on 12"-vinyl.



## POETER BLIR DOM... - 2004

KI12"03

Album with the collective "poeter blir dom..." ("poets are those..."), that consists of Henry Bowers, Spakur, Kryptonite, Dag Thelander, DJ Lo-kut and Glappkäft. 10 songs on 12"-vinyl, also available on CD-R.



## PERFORMING LIVE FOR FOOD - 2007

KIDVD01

DVD with liveperformance. The repertoire is the usual from this period, with poetry and music from several of the old releases, but mainly from "Rappin' for Food" and the coming album "Escape From Juniper Hills". The DVD also contains the music video for the song "Rappin' For Food" and extra material, with clips from South Africa.

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