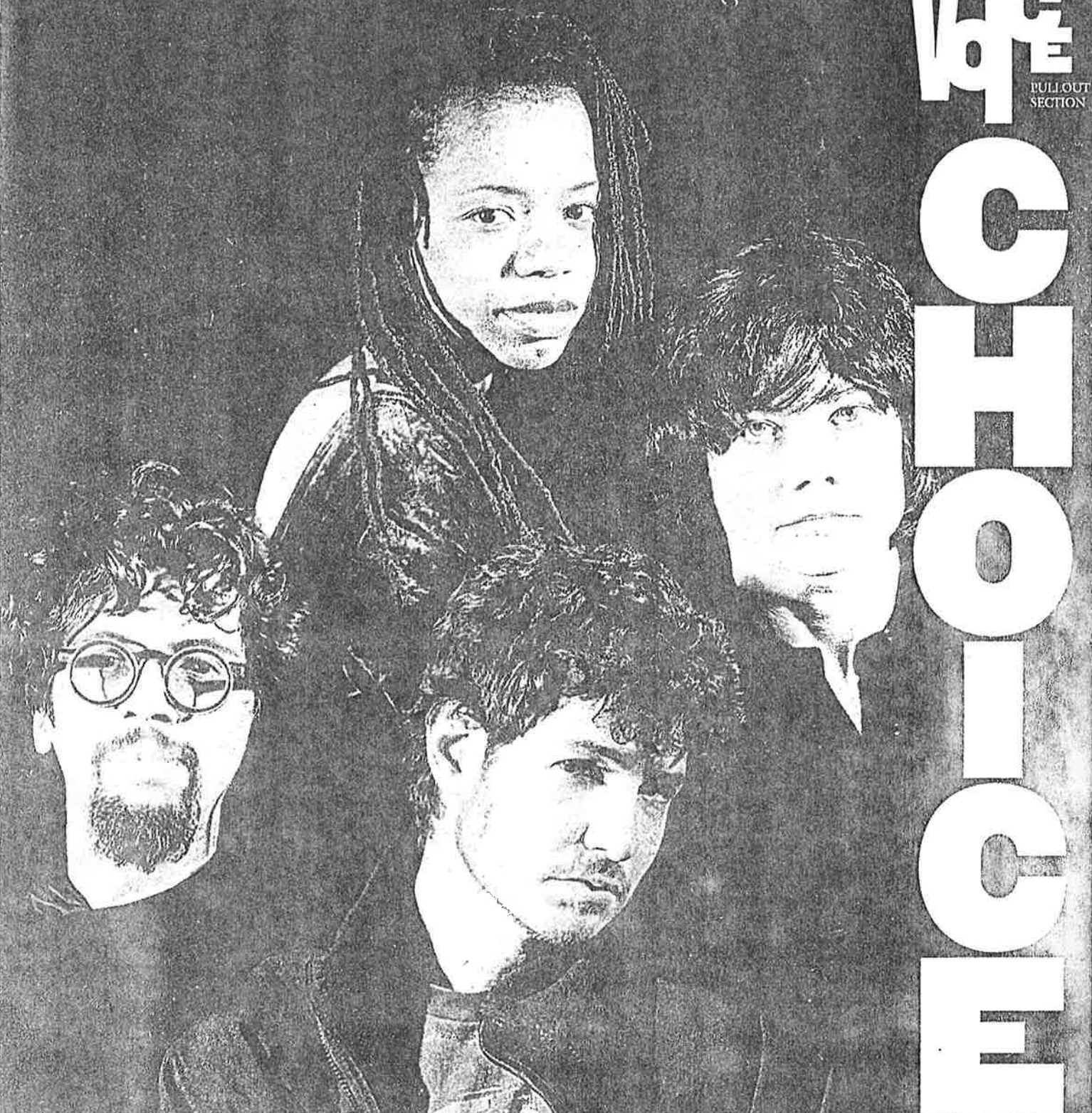


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## TEXTY THE CLOWN

Is it literature? Is it theater? Pop culture? High art? Dessert topping? Floor wax? Who cares? This four-part series refocuses the debate over spoken word on some of the genre's key innovators, those "poet-moderns" with "one foot in the real world, one foot in the deep end." Organizers Edwin Torres and

Emily XYZ—two writers who can turn words into form and speech into content, then flip them back around again—open the series. Upcoming are Mike Tyler and Gina Bonati (November 24), Tracie Morris and Xavier Cavazos (December 17), and Paul Skiff with Sekou Sundiata (January 26). Sunday at 7, The Kitchen, 512 West 19th Street, 255-5793. (McDonnell)

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