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New York, December 2 (RHC)-- Puerto Rican poet, writer and founder of the legendary Nuyorican Poets Cafe, Miguel Algarín, has died at the age of 79.

Algarín was born in Puerto Rico before moving to New York as a child. He co-founded the Nuyorican Poets Cafe on the Lower East Side of Manhattan after the poetry salon he started from his own living room outgrew the space. For decades, a community of poets and artists have performed in the iconic venue.

Algarín taught at Rutgers University for over 30 years and is the recipient of three American Book Awards.

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