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EDUCATION

New York University, Tisch School of the Arts, New York, NY
Master of Fine Arts in Acting, 2017

St. John's University, New York, NY
Bachelor of Sciences in Dramatic Arts for Film and Television, 2014

The American Academy for Dramatic Arts, New York, NY
Associates Degree in Acting, 2012

PUBLIC LECTURES & PERFORMANCES

National Anthem singer at the NY Knicks Basketball Game- New York, NY 2022

Invited by The Segerstrom Center for the Arts to perform at Annual Benefit- Costa Mesa, CA 2022

American & Canadian National Anthem singer at the LA Lakers Basketball Game- Los Angeles, CA 2022

Hamilton Eliza Tour performed as George Washington at the Hollywood Pantages Theater- Los Angeles, CA 2021

Invited by Purdue University: School of Education to discuss *Target Practice Poetry Collection*- West Lafayette, IN 2022

"The Blind Servant" Guest Preacher at Reconcile Brooklyn Church- Brooklyn, NY 2020

"Calvary" Starred in a Solo Concert at Green Room 42- New York, NY 2019

"Target Practice" Starred in a Solo Concert Book Release at Joes Pub at The Public Theater- New York, NY 2019

Hamilton Angelica Tour performed as George Washington at the Fabulous Fox Theater- St. Louis, MO 2018

"The Captive Next Door" Guest Preacher at Bridge Church NYC- Brooklyn, NY 2018

Hamilton Angelica Tour performed as George Washington at the Hobby Center for Performing Arts- Houston, TX 2018

Hamilton Angelica Tour performed as George Washington at the Fox Theater- Atlanta, GA 2018

Hamilton on Broadway performed as George Washington at the Richard Rodgers Theater- New York NY, 2017

"Storytellers" Featured performer at Legacy Conference- Chicago, IL 2017

Invited by Harvard Black Law Students Association to perform at Annual Conference- Cambridge, MA 2017

“*Get Up We Need You*” Guest Speaker at The Mark Conference- Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ 2016

“*Worship in America*” Invited by Chris Tomlin to sing at Madison Square Garden- New York, NY 2016

“*Leverage*” Guest Speaker at The Bridge Church NYC- Brooklyn, NY 2015

“*Birth of A Hip-Hop Nation*” Featured performer at The Brooklyn Academy of Music- Brooklyn, NY 2014

“*Delta Apollo*” Host & performer at the University of Wisconsin Madison Overture Center- Madison, WI 2014

Invited by Vassar College as featured performer- Poughkeepsie, NY 2013

“#*StopDoubting #StartBelieving*” Guest Preacher at St. John’s University - Queens, NY 2013

“*Out for Change*” Invited by the Ford Foundation to perform “*Switch*” an original poem- New York, NY 2013

“*Urban Word Grand Slam Poetry Finals*” Host & Featured Artist at the Apollo Theater- Harlem, NY 2013

“*Financial Aid*” Featured Performer at TED Youth Conference- New York, NY 2011

“*National Poetry Slam*” performed original poem “*Tell Them*” on final stage at Berkeley School of Music- Boston, MA 2011

Invited by Yale University as Featured artist with The Strivers Row LLC- New Haven, CT 2011

“*La Casita*” Featured Performer at Lincoln Center Outdoor Event- New York, NY 2011

Invited by Columbia University as featured poet for Open Mic Series- New York, NY 2011

“*Walk*” Featured Solo Show at the NYC Hip Hop Theater Festival- New York, NY 2010

Invited by The Sundance Film Festival to perform “*My Environment*” original poem- Salt Lake City, UT 2010

“*Calabash*” featured performer at The University of Pennsylvania- Philadelphia, PA 2010

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP (Master Classes & Residencies)

USC - School of Dramatic Arts , Los Angeles, CA “Intro to Acting: THTR 101”	Fall 2022
Kennedy Center at THE REACH , Washington DC “Golgotha: Office Hours Writing Residency”	Winter 2020
American Academy of Dramatic Arts , New York, NY “Who Tells Your Story: Master Class”	Summer 2019
American Academy of Dramatic Arts , New York, NY “Hip Hop, Hamilton, & The Human Condition: Master Class”	Summer 2018
Journal to Journey , New York, NY	Fall 2016

“A Solo Show Intensive”

Urban Word NYC, New York, NY Summer 2016
“The Summer Institute Performance Lab”

Blue Heron: Tales, Text & Theater, Port Townsend, WA Summer 2016
“Theater Games & The Inner Child”

Brave New Voices International Festival, Atlanta, GA Summer 2015
“The Truth Shall Set You Free-Part II: Master Class”

Crew Millennials Acting Workshop, New York, NY Summer 2014
“Faith & Theater: The Intersection of the Supernatural”

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY Spring 2014
“Inside Out: A Journey through The Inner Voice”

Urban Word NYC, New York, NY Spring 2011
“The Truth Shall Set You Free”

Bates College, Lewiston, ME Fall 2011
“Break Every Chain”

NYU Poetry Slam Coach New York, NY Spring 2010
“Get into The Story”

Haverford College, Haverford, PA Winter 2010
“Spoken Word & The Contemporary Heightened Verse”

Philadelphia Youth Poetry Movement Philadelphia, PA Winter 2010
“Getting Free: Art as Therapy”

Washington University St. Louis, MO Fall 2010
“Superpowers & Super-poems”

PUBLICATIONS

Poetry Books

2019 Target Practice Penmanship Books
2009 The Inspiration- From: Heart To: Page Penmanship Books

PROFESSIONAL THEATER & READINGS **

2019	A Solder’s Play **	Manhattan Theater Club
2019	BLKS **	MCC Theater
2018	Thoughts of A Colored Man **	Foresight Theatrical
2018	OO-BLA-DEE **	Two River Theater
2018	Graveyard Shift **	Roundabout Theater
2017- Current	Hamilton: An American Musical	Richard Rodgers Theater
2015	Bombed	Stella Adler Theater
2013	Words Become Flesh	Columba C. Theater
2012	The Circle Unbroken Is A Hard Bop	LIU Theater

2010 Young Gifted & Hype Ohio Theater

FILM & TELEVISION

2022	“Karma’s World”	Netflix
2022	“Go to Bed Raymond”	Hulu
2020	“Embers in The Dark”	NBA on TNT
2016	“#BARS: A Medley in Verse”	YouTube
2014	“Verses & Flow”	TV One
2013	“Keep Pushing”	CBS
2008	“Brave New Voices Def Poetry”	HBO
2007	“Knicks Poetry Slam Documentary”	MSG Network

HONORS/ AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2019	Rising Star Award, Blavity/Shadow & Act (Los Angeles, CA)
2014	Tisch School of The Arts Department Fellowship at NYU, (New York, NY)
2012	New York Knicks Poetry Scholar Fellowship at St. John’s University, (Queens, NY)
2011	National Poetry Slam- 2nd Place in the Nation, (Boston, MA)
2011	Nuyorican Poetry Slam- 1 st Place Grand Slam Champion, (New York, NY)
2010	BNV International Slam- 1st Place in the Nation - <i>Coach</i> - (NYC - Urban Word)
2009	Slam Global, NJ- 1 st Place Grand Slam Champion, (Newark, NJ)
2009	Urban Word NYC Poetry Slam Team Member, (New York, NY)
2008	Newark New Jersey Poetry Slam Team Member, (New Jersey)
2007	Knicks Poetry Slam- 1 st Place Grand Slam Champion, (New York, NY)