

# Noel Quiñones

writer • performer • educator



Noel Quiñones is a graduate of Swarthmore College, where he studied English Literature and Creative Writing, receiving their John Russell Hayes Poetry Prize. He has received fellowships from Poets House, Brooklyn Poets, and CantoMundo. As well he has worked for almost a decade as a teaching artist, slam coach, and youth mentor. His work has appeared in Pilgrimage Press, Kweli Journal, and The Acentos Review.

A photograph of Noel Quiñones, a young man with dark hair tied back, performing poetry. He is wearing a dark, horizontally striped V-neck shirt and is captured in profile, speaking into a microphone. His hands are gesturing as he speaks. The background shows a brick wall and a wooden railing.

Noel Quiñones' writing explores the spirituality of languages, the meanings of diasporic identity, and the ancient and present art of verse.

## PERFORMER

Noel has performed his work at colleges, festivals, and performance venues across the globe, such as the Nuyorican Poets Cafe, Lincoln Center, and Jaw Dance in London. He is a two time finalist at the Louder Than a Bomb University Individual College Slam, as well as assistant coach and member of the 2015 Philadelphia Pigeon National Poetry Slam team, placing among the top twenty teams in the country. He is currently a member of the 2016 Bowery Poetry Slam team.

## WRITER

Noel's poems have appeared in or are forthcoming from The Acentos Review, Pilgrimage Press, Kweli Journal, Asymptote, Winter Tangerine Review & elsewhere. As well he has received fellowships from Poets House, Brooklyn Poets, CantoMundo, and the Watering Hole. He is currently working on his first poetry book entitled, *An EgoRikan's Memory*.

## EDUCATOR / ARTS ORGANIZER

Noel boasts nine years of experience as a teaching artist, performance coach, and workshop facilitator. He has hosted events, taught workshops, and led community discussions across the globe, from high school classrooms in Cape Town to poetry venues in London to lecture halls at numerous American colleges.



## BOOK NOEL FOR:

A sample platter. Any of the options below can be combined to best fit your group's needs.

## FEATURES

Noel has poems on a vast array of topics from the intersectionality of racial identity and music to growing up in the 90's to masculinity as an inner city youth.

## WORKSHOPS

These aim to demystify the lived realities of marginalized peoples as well as explore these narratives within new and old poetic structures. Using writing prompts, texts, video, and discussion, Noel encourages participants to excavate the stories that need to be heard. Email [NQNino@gmail.com](mailto:NQNino@gmail.com) for workshop options.

## HOSTING

Almost as critical as the poetry itself is setting up a welcoming and energetic environment for your audience. Noel has over seven years of experience hosting live, Spoken Word events. He is available to manage everything from microphone placement to MC-ing the event itself.

## BUILDING YOUR SCENE

Noel has been an active member/facilitator in multiple poetry scenes from the Philadelphia to NYC poetry community. He has been integral in building Swarthmore College's writing community as well as in inner city youth coordination. This discussion requires evaluating available resources and establishing group goals in order to build a lasting poetry scene at your venue.

For Booking, Contact:  
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for poems, videos, and more.

Past Performances & Workshops across the U.S. and internationally include:

#### Schools:

- Columbia University
- Boston College
- Emerson College
- University of Vermont
- University of Delaware
- Bryn Mawr College
- Swarthmore College
- Haverford College
- King's College London
- SOAS, University of London
- Fieldston High School
- Riverdale Country School
- Friends Seminary High School
- Oldfields High School
- Bronx Envision Academy
- Edison/Fareira High School
- Parkway West High School
- Bloomfield High School
- St. Hope Leadership Academy M. S.
- Strath Haven Middle School

#### Venues / Events:

- Lincoln Center
- Nuyorican Poets Cafe
- Bowery Poetry Club & Café
- Apples and Snakes - London
- World Cafe Live
- Philadelphia City Hall
- Philly Youth Poetry Movement
- Busboys and Poets Cafe
- Philadelphia Museum of the Arts
- Capicu Cultural Showcase - Brooklyn
- Teatro Pregones - Bronx
- NYC Young Men of Color Symposium
- National Latino AIDS Awareness Day
- Community Resilience Symposium: Engaging Males of Color
- Philadelphia Interfaith Walk for Peace and Reconciliation
- Voices of La Isla: Celebrating Pedro Albizu Campos
- TEDxSwarthmore, 2012: What Makes a Good Society?