

Noel Quiñones

writer • performer • educator



Noel Quiñones is an AfroBoricua educator, writer, and performer born and raised in the Bronx. For the past nine years he has dedicated himself to the belief that art, community, and education are inseparable. A graduate of Swarthmore College, where he studied English Literature, Education, and Creative Writing, he has received their John Russell Hayes Poetry Prize and Silvia Ramos / Carlos Bulosan Award for Emerging Leaders. Emboldened with almost a decade of experience Noel is the founder of Project X, a Bronx based arts organization providing the borough with open mics, workshops, community programming, and the Bronx's own Slam Series to produce its first all Latinx Slam team.



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 schools, festivals, and performance venues across the globe, such as the Nuyorican Poets Cafe, Lincoln Center, and Jaw Dance in London. He has been a featured performer with the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College and BronxNet Television as well as a Keynote Speaker at the University of Vermont, the Bishops School in San Diego, and the first ever New York City Latinx Youth Conference. He was most recently a member of the 2016 Bowery Poetry Slam team, placing among the top twenty teams in the country.

WRITER

Noel has been the recipient of fellowships from Poets House, Brooklyn Poets, CantoMundo, and the Watering Hole. His poems have appeared or are forthcoming in the Latin American Review, Hot Metal Bridge, Kweli Journal, Pilgrimage Press, Asymptote & elsewhere. In addition, his poetry will be included in the forthcoming collection *¡Manteca! An Anthology of Afro-Latin@ Poets* published by Arte Publico Press in the Spring, having already been featured in the *Best of Kweli Anthology*.

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 and universities.



BOOK NOEL FOR:

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

FEATURES

Noel's poetry combines singing, rapping, and storytelling in order to break open society's obsession with binaries. By exploring the in-betweenness of race / ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression, and family structure Noel redefines what it means to be enough in the 21st century.

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 NQPoet@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 of multiple poetry scenes from Philly to NYC. He has been integral in building Swarthmore's writing community and currently works as an Urban Word NYC Youth Mentor. This discussion requires evaluating resources and establishing goals in order to build a lasting poetry scene at your school or 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
- Wesleyan University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Swarthmore College
- Haverford College
- Medgar Evers College
- King's College London
- SOAS, University of London
- Bishops School
- Fieldston High School
- Riverdale Country School
- Friends Seminary High School
- Oldfields High School
- Bronx Envision Academy
- Edison/Fareira High School
- Parkway West High School
- St. Hope Leadership Academy M. S.

Venues / Events:

- Lincoln Center
- Nuyorican Poets Cafe
- Bowery Poetry Club
- 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
- In Our Own Voices Youth Conference
- Latinx Youth Conference - NYC
- Voices of La Isla: Celebrating Pedro Albizu Campos
- TEDxSwarthmore, 2012: What Makes a Good Society?