

The Look: Black Male Experience



Sunni Patterson
Spoken Word Artist/Holistic
Healer

Sunni Patterson is a New Orleans native and visionary. She is a highly sought after and internationally acclaimed Performer, Lecturer, Workshop Facilitator, and Certified Life Coach. As a diligent student in the Healing and Spiritual Arts, she deliberately uses Art and Culture as tools to recognize, address, and eliminate all forms of oppression. Currently, Sunni serves as a Resident Artist for both the City of New Orleans' Claiborne Corridor Cultural Initiative and Junebug Productions of New Orleans. She is also co-founder (with Cherelle Blazer) of Environmental Arts and Public Health Organization, Breath is Lyfe.

Emerging from the musical womb that is New Orleans, Sunni Patterson combines the heritage of her native town with an enlightened modern style to create music and poetry that is timeless in its groove. She began her career as a full-time high school teacher, and much of her life since has been devoted to serving as a cultural worker and grassroots activist, using art and poetry to encourage dialogue and healing. She has been a featured performer at many of the nation's premier spoken-word venues, including HBO's Def Poetry and BET's Lyric Cafe. She also had the privilege of speaking at the Panafest in Ghana, West Africa and has collaborated with artists and performers, including Hannibal Lokumbe (singing lead vocals for his score, "King and the Crescent City Moon"), Kalamu Ya Salaam, Sonia Sanchez, Wanda Coleman, Amiri Baraka, Mos Def, Eve Ensler, The Last Poets and many more.