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PERFORMANCE RESUME · POET · COMPOSER · SOLO PERFORMER

A VOICE WITH RECEIPTS

Poet and performer with some 4,000 poems written over thirty years of daily practice. Writes for the stage, not the page, and has performed across the country as poet, producer and promoter: solo theater, spoken-word concerts, live poetry staged across a city, and a 42-album record attempt built from the archive.

4,000+	365	42	80
Poems over thirty years of daily practice	Poems in the Gangsta Iliad run, from April 14, 2017	Albums in one day, Guinness attempt, July 18, 2027	Minutes of Four From Wone: one body, four men

MAJOR ATTRIBUTES

ATTRIBUTE 01

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Keynote speaker, host and emcee as well as poet. Holds a room from the first line, with or without a band behind him.

- Performed before Nelson Mandela on the City Hall steps.
- Has performed and spoken across the country as poet, producer and promoter.
- Developing and hosting Oro Hip-Gnosis, a national spoken-word competition.

ATTRIBUTE 02

FUNDRAISING

Funds his own stages. Brings audiences, backers and partners to the work before the curtain goes up.

- Crowdfunded the 2012 DiaTribe stage production on Kickstarter.
- Running the campaign behind the 42-album Guinness attempt.
- Produced and promoted his own shows nationwide.

THE SETLIST

01 **FOUR FROM WONE** — Touring

Solo show. One performer plays four men across eighty minutes. Bookable now.

02 THE NATIONAL CIRCUIT

Nationwide

Performed across the United States as a poet, and produced and promoted shows of his own. `add standout cities, venues and years`

03 POET LAUREATE

African Heritage Fdn.

Laureate seat with the African Heritage Foundation, alongside his role as Executive VP.

04 DIATRIBE, LIVE

May 25, 2012

Alberta Rose Theatre, Portland. Kickstarter-funded stage production fusing African drumming and dance with hip-hop. Obo Addy's last major stage performance of record.

05 FOR NELSON MANDELA

`Year`

Performed before Nelson Mandela on the City Hall steps. `confirm city`

06 STREET WARS · "SUGARPOP"

Screen

On-screen role for indie filmmaker Jamaa Fanaka.

07 GANGSTA ILIAD

2017–2018

365 poems published one a day, starting on his birthday, April 14, 2017. Includes the "Book of Baba" prose and the "Legends In My Rhyme" music-tribute series.

08 I'LL MAKE ME A WORLD

Jul 18, 2027

Guinness World Records attempt, application accepted: 42 albums released in one day, in six movements of seven. Named from James Weldon Johnson's *The Creation*.

09 WONE NIGHT ONLY

L.A. · 2027

One-night spoken-word concert of three works (Blacque Sistory, Bitches Brew, I'll Make Me A World) with an ensemble playing only original music.

10 A GANGSTA ODYSSEY, LIVE

Late 2027

365 poems staged as live poetry art across Los Angeles city and county, with the city itself as canvas.

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ORO HIP-GNOSIS

2028

National spoken-word competition he is developing and hosting. One stage; the best voice wins.

FROM THE ARCHIVE

> *Photosynthesized the punishment into pigment.*
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> IF I WERE A FLOWER

> *Charm is merely a C sharp removed from Harm.*
>
> THE ALLURE OF THE LURE

SHARED THE STAGE WITH

OBO ADDY · MIC CRENSHAW · JANICE SCROGGINS · LARHONDA STEELE · ADD MORE

CONNECTED WORK

Book Four From Wone ↗ · Poetry ↗ · The Record ↗ · I'll Make Me A World campaign ↗ · Spotify · The Muse ↗ · Patreon ↗

DISCIPLINES

Craft

Spoken word and performance poetry · solo theater and multi-character work · composition and album sequencing · African drum and hip-hop fusion staging · on-camera acting

BOOKING & REPRESENTATION

THE STAGE STANDS NEXT.

For representation, bookings, commissions and partnerships, write directly.

LITERARY

Bay Boy Blue, Winston the Walrus, the poetry archive

TALENT / PERFORMANCE

Four From Wone, keynotes, hosting, spoken word

MUSIC PUBLISHING & SYNC

I'll Make Me A World, 42 albums

THEATRICAL / BROADWAY

Life In The Key Of Black, DiaTribe on stage

PRESS & MEDIA BOOKING

Interviews, panels, features

FULL-SERVICE PACKAGING

Film, series, stage and record, packaged together

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