

Marquis Burton

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Teaching Experience

Teaching Artist

Sweet Home High School | Guest Poetry Instructor | November 2006 - Present

North Park Academy Afterschool Program | December 2017 – March 2018

PS 197 and Say Yes Buffalo | February 2017 – June 2017

Gloria J. Parks Community Center | January 2017 – April 2017

Community Action Organization | Teaching Artist | October 2010 – May 2011

Lake Shore High School | Instructor | April 2010

- Collaborate with host organizations to develop and implement poetry and performance workshops for elementary, middle & high school students
- Provide instruction and development in style; cultivating unique voices and enhancing self-confidence
- Equip students with performance skills and tools to present original work for an audience
- Give students the tools to host and manage their own final showcase

Pure Ink Poetry Slam | Coach | April 2016 - Present

- Lead team to their first Semi-finals and the highest ranking of any previous Buffalo spoken word team
- Held weekly workshops and practices to improve both content and presentation

UB Speaks | Co-Founder / Coach / Instructor | 2014 – 2016

- Provided critiques to small groups of writers; developing style, voice, and performance
- Held individual mentoring sessions with poets to master content and style

Shea's Performing Arts Center | Instructor | 2010

- Partnered with Shea's Education Department and local English teachers to develop workshops in performance poetry for students with advanced theater experience
- Instructed small group workshops eliciting participants to write and present original work

Curator Experience

Music Is Art | 2011-present

Beau Fleuve Music Arts | Poetry Curator | 2017 - 2018

- Organize poets from the literary community to perform on different stages throughout the festival
- Facilitated a diverse range of poets who were able to share their beliefs and personal experience.
- Allowing poets to perform in front of more than 20,000 people.

Recorded Performances

National Poetry Slam | Denver, CO | August 2017

- Name of the Poem: “Black Suicide”
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktTJzAMCHL8>

National Poetry Slam | Denver, CO | August 2017

- Name of the Poem: “Dancing In The Shower”
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGhl53adoZk&t=2s>

National Poetry Slam | Decatur, GA | August 4, 2016

- Name of the Poem: “Shine”
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5dccZnmdnc>

QEW Poetry Slam | Niagara Falls, ON Canada | January 9, 2016

- Name of the Poem: “Wasn’t Going To Write This Poem”
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30H3EF0kPb0&t=13s>

Southern Fried Poetry Slam | Little Rock, AK | June 13, 2015

- Name of the Poem: “Not Just a Fat Kid”
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyMjnr6FZ3k>