

## Sekou Andrews: **The Speaker's Bio**

As the world's leading Poetic Voice, Sekou creates powerful poetic presentations that give voice to the missions of organizations and help them tell their most powerful stories. He is the creator of this new, refreshing, cutting-edge speaking category that fuses inspirational speaking with spoken word poetry to make messages more moving and memorable. Bringing the power of art to business through his unique, dynamic blend of strategic storytelling, business insight, spoken word, theater and comedy, he makes events into experiences, and transforms audiences of informed receivers into enrolled responders. Sekou does more than inspire us with his story; he inspires us with our story.

An elementary schoolteacher turned actor, musician, national poetry slam champion, entrepreneur, and now award-winning Poetic Voice, any given day may now find Sekou presenting an original talk for international marketing executives, giving a keynote speech at a leadership conference, or performing pieces for Barack Obama in Oprah's. His work has been featured on such diverse national media outlets as ABC World News, MSNBC, HBO, Good Morning America, Showtime, MTV and BET, and he has performed privately for such prominent individuals as Maya Angelou, Quincy Jones, Larry King, Hillary Clinton, Norman Lear, Sean "P-Diddy" Combs, and Coretta Scott King and family. Organizations that have experienced poetic voice include Nike, Time Warner, Cisco, Global Green, eBay, Microsoft, Google, Upward Bound, The GAP, LinkedIn, Express, Paypal, General Mills, TEDx, Wieden+Kennedy, NBA, NCAA, LPGA, Chopra Center, AutoDesk, Experient, Singularity University and the Million Dollar Roundtable to name but a few. Sekou has also emerged as an engaging voice for health and wellness, routinely evoking tears, cheers, and standing ovations at various cutting edge conferences/clients, including Johnson & Johnson, Mayo Clinic, Blue Shield, Kaiser Permanente, TEDMED, Roche, IHI Forum, Genentech, American Nurses Association, and Health 2.0.

Beyond the business world, Sekou, along with creative partner Steve Connell, has inspired audiences from the HBO US Comedy Arts Festival to The Pasadena Pops Orchestra. He is also a successful voiceover artist and actor with several national commercials and 3 feature films on his resume; not to mention his two-man spoken word play "The Word Begins", with Connell, which received critical acclaim and garnered 3 Helen Hayes award nominations. As a recording artist and producer, Sekou's last album, "Poetic License," made him the most awarded artist in the nation's largest independent music organization. Most recently Sekou has been teaching his speaking secrets to world-class speakers through his Stage Might speaker training, which unlocks people's hidden speaking power by training them in the proven techniques performers, artists, and rockstars.

With all of the innovation and inspiration that is *Poetic Voice*, Sekou Andrews gives voice to our most powerful stories and shows us the best version of ourselves, so we can live into it.