

# Jasmin Singletary

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## Professional Summary

Inspiring poet and spiritual storyteller. Artistic edu-tainor with 7+ years of public speaking and performing experience. Skilled workshop lecturer and healing arts facilitator, adept at cultivating brave, authentic spaces and teaching tools for creative self-expression. Visionary product developer, business owner and manager with 2+ years experience in brand development.

## Skills

- Creativity
- Empathy
- Effective Communication
- Adaptability
- Organization
- Self-motivation
- Time Management
- Critical Thinking
- Compassionate Leadership
- Conflict Resolution - trained  
Restorative Justice circle keeper
- Trauma informed care

## Professional Experience

### **Brand Ambassador**

*Greenwood Dist. / August 2020 - Present*

- Utilize social networks to market company clothing items and spread company vision and ideals.

### **Business Owner**

*Empressive Expressions, Miami, FL / March 2018 – Present*

- Provide artistic entertainment (poetic performances and event hosting) for virtual and in person audiences
- Craft and vend homemade products
- Manage day-to-day operations of e-commerce shop and accompanying blog
- Promote products on multiple channels, including social media, and through word-of-mouth initiatives
- Develop creative content to inspire community engagement (on social media, through newsletter subscription, etc.)
- Organize and lead arts-based workshops
- Plan and host cultural events

## **Teaching Artist**

*S.O.U.L Sisters Leadership Collective, Miami, FL / October 2018 – Present*

- Co-create engaging arts-based curriculum for youth (ages 14-24)
- Co-facilitate youth programming sessions virtually and in person
- Co-facilitate healing spaces

## **Care Coordinator/Academic Youth Coach**

*First Star Academy of Miami University, Miami, FL / July - August 2018; July - August 2017*

- Designed, facilitated and participated in select life skills workshops and team-building activities
- Introduced restorative justice practices into program curriculum and led program's first youth circles

## **Program Assistant/Volunteer Staff Member**

*Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida, Melbourne, FL / April 2014 - May 2015*

- Initiated and led extracurricular activity, "Poetry Club" for small group of elementary-aged children in order to strengthen writing skills on an individual basis
- Created fun and engaging educational activities for young people aged 6-18

## Education

### **MA in African & African Diaspora Studies**

*Florida International University, Miami, FL / December 2018*

### **BA in Sociology**

*Florida International University, Miami, FL / December 2016*

## Professional Development

### **Ice Breaker Session & Grounding Facilitator**

*TransInclusive Training, Virtual Zoom Call / September 2020*

- Led event opening activities, sharing meditation and mindfulness practices
- Led mini journaling exercise and a collective call and response Black affirmation chant

### **Grounding Facilitator**

*Black LGBTQ Collective Healing Brunch, Virtual Zoom Call / August 2020*

- Led grounding activity to warmly open the event space, affirm attendees and positively set the tone of the program

### **March Co-Organizer**

*8:46 Justice March & Black Empowerment Rally, Miami, FL / June 2020*

- Collaborated with community member to initiate community protest march
- Created and led affirmation/call to action chants
- Participated as a featured program speaker, delivering a spoken word arts performance

### **Co-Circle Keeper/Facilitator**

*Virtual Circle Zoom Call / June 2020*

*Pridelines Nonprofit Organization, Miami, FL / November 2017 – May 2018*

- Co-held community conflict circles to foster healthier dialogue between circle participants
- Fostered safe, brave spaces to strengthen community solidarity

### **CRA Lounge Event Host**

*Uptown Avenue 7 Arts & Culture Fest, Miami, FL / November 2019*

- Co-lead arts based discussion with local South Floridian artists

### **Workshop Facilitator**

*Fanm Saj Workshop Sacred Healing Circle on Consent, Mental Health & Wellness, Miami, FL / Nov 2019*

- Designed and led workshop activities

- Facilitated workshop discussion of Black women's relationship with self care, mental health and wellness

### **Creative Writing Workshop Facilitator**

*My Urban Camp Experience, Miami, FL / October 2019*

- Created thought-provoking journal prompts to inspire mini self-reflective activity

### **Resident Artist - Manifest Mondays: An Artistic Affair**

*Miami Urban Contemporary Experience (MUCE), Miami, FL / August - December 2019*

- Provided quality edutainment and cultural programming for the community (curated poetry and open mic content)
- Contributed to campus tree donation

### **Event Planner/Hostess**

*Manifest Mondays: An Artistic Affair, Miami, FL / February - November 2019*

- Provided quality edutainment and cultural programming for the community (curated poetry and open mic content)

*Sister Queen Tribe Circle, Miami, FL / February - June 2017*

- Curated safe, intimate healing spaces for professional Black women to gather & socialize

### **Academic Intern/Mentor**

*Brownsville Unity Project (B.U.M.P) & The Historic Hampton House / Miami FL - May 2017 - April 2018*

- Co-created, facilitated and led curriculum workshops as part of a mentorship program
- Aided in the development and execution of an oral history project with student mentees
- Contributed to the development of a cultural exhibit to be presented in a museum (the Historic Hampton House) with student mentees

### **Volunteer Radio Intern**

*Steel Pan Vibes Radio Program, Cocoa, FL / June 2014 - March 2015*

- Learned the inner dynamics of how to operate a radio show
- Provided on air assistance, reading brief advertisement spots
- Conducted live radio interviews

### **Writing/Authorship**

- *Wild Yoni Flower: A Self-Love Journey* - Self-published: Expected release January 2021
- Singletary, Jasmin 2016. "Queen," Honors College Publication (poem submission), *Palate Magazine*, <https://issuu.com/palatemagazine/docs/palatefirst/30>
- Singletary, Jasmin 2016. "A Whole New World: An Exploration of Black African Identity in Middle Eastern and Arabic Society," Black Lives Matter online blog post (submission requested by blog contributor),

<http://blacklivesmatteralliancebroward.org/a-whole-new-world-an-exploration-of-black-african-identity-in-middle-eastern-and-arabic-society-pt-1/>

### **Public Speaking Engagements**

**8:46 Justice March & Black Empowerment Rally, Spoken Word Poet**

*Miami, FL / June 2020*

**Epiphany Radio presents The HIDDEN: HIP HOP pt.2, Poetry and Revolution, Guest Speaker Poet**

*Epiphany Radio / June 2020*

**Miami Community Leadership Forum, Guest Speaker**

*Miami, FL / March 2018*

**"The Unexpected Caribbean Symposium," The University of Kansas, Program Poet**

*Lawrence, Kansas / October 2018*

**G.Y.M Life Presents Black History Celebration, "Black History is American History," Spoken Word Poet**

*Melbourne, FL / February 2016*

**NAACP Birthday Celebration, Spoken Word Poet**

*Melbourne, FL / February 2016*

**The Orientation and Commencement Service for the Inauguration and Launching of the Godly Women and Girls Mentoring Academy, Spoken Word Poet**

*Cocoa, FL / January 2016*

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Heritage Program hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Spoken Word Poet**

*Eau Gallie, FL / February 2015*

**Trinidad & Tobago 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Independence Celebration "Showcasing Our Youth," Mistress of Ceremonies & Committee Member**

- responsible for Cultural Event Performances & Entertainment
- also created event flyers

*Palm Bay, FL, August 2014*

**Nguzo Saba Collective Inc. Kwanzaa Celebrations, Spoken Word Poet & Event Hostess**

*Melbourne, FL / December 2013 – January 2016*

### Awards

**Certificate of Appreciation - 8:46 Justice March & Black Empowerment Rally**

*Miami, FL / June 2020*

**Battle of the Arts Golden Mic Trophy - Love Jones Open Mic Performance**

*Sunrise, FL / March 2020*

**First Place Prize Winner for poetic talent - "Pass the Mic Spoken Word Challenge," Eastern Florida State College**

*Palm Bay, FL / February 2015*

**Certificate of Poetic Eloquence and First Place Achievement Award - "Third Annual Cocoa Campus Poetry Aloud Competition," Eastern Florida State College**

*Cocoa, FL / April 2014*

**Third Place Winner - "EFSC's Got Talent Competition" - Eastern Florida State College**

*Melbourne, FL / February 2014*

**First Place Short Story Prose Winner - Eastern Florida State College**

*Palm Bay, FL / April 2014*

**College Campus Black History Essay Contest Winner, "Civil Rights in America," Eastern Florida State College**

*Palm Bay, FL / February 2014*

### Trainings & Certifications

**Certificate of Completion - The Miami Bayside Foundation's Small Business Training Workshop**

*Miami, FL / April 2019*

**Restorative Justice Circle Keeper Training**

*Miami, FL / October 2017*

**Trauma Training for Child Welfare Professionals**

*Miami, FL / July 2017*