

# Dwayne Morgan's DINCENTY BINGERAPHY

Dwayne Morgan is a two-time Canadian National Poetry Slam Champion. He began his career as a spoken word artist in 1993. In 1994, he founded Up From The Roots entertainment, to promote the positive artistic contributions of African Canadian and urban influenced artists.

Morgan made the 2022 Shifter Magazine list of outstanding Black men in Canada, while also winning the Toronto Arts Foundation's Celebration of Cultural Life award, and the 2018 the Sheri-D Wilson Golden Beret Award for Career Achievement in the Spoken Word. Morgan is a 2016 finalist for the Premier's Award for Excellence in the Arts, and in 2013, he was inducted into the Scarborough Walk of Fame. Morgan has received both the African Canadian Achievement Award, and the Harry Jerome Award for Excellence in the Arts.



Dwayne has performed for the former President of the United States, Barack Obama, the former Governor General of Canada, Michaelle Jean, the late leader of the NDP, Jack Layton, and has shared the stage with many of Canada's top artists including Russell Peters while opening for international artists Alicia Keys, and recording with Canadian artists, including Drake.

Morgan has published fourteen collections, including two children's books, and an inspirational memoir. In 2009, Morgan's work was translated into French, culminating in the book, Le Making of d'un Homme. Morgan has ten albums to his credit, including a spoken word Christmas album, Silent Night.

# TO FURTHER EXPLORE HIS CREATIVITY,

Dwayne collaborated with Driftwood Studios to film, Three Knocks, a ten-minute film, which premiered in Toronto's Reel World Film Festival. Morgan produced two TV shows, Poetically Speaking, and Write in Toronto. Morgan's one-man play, Grade 8, now appears on the CBC's PlayMe Podcast. In 2012, Morgan performed at Super Bowl 46, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and in 2019, he founded and co-produced the inaugural Toronto Spoken Soul Festival.

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As a member of the Spoken Soul Collective, Morgan was a 2021 curator for ArtworxTO, responsible for the public art inside of the Scarborough Town Centre. Morgan's photography has been featured in ArtworxTO and the Contact Photography Festival.

Dwayne's work ethic has taken him across Canada, the United States, Jamaica, Uganda, Turkey, Trinidad, Bermuda, Barbados, England, Scotland, Belgium, Budapest, Germany, France, Norway, Ghana, and Holland. His emphasis on quality has driven his success and has made him a well-respected component of Toronto's urban music community, as well as the North American, and Global, spoken word scenes.

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# Dwayne Morgan's HIGHLIGHTS

- Curator, Toronto Storytelling Festival
- Commissioned by the National Basketball League of Canada
- Toronto Arts Foundation Celebration of Cultural Life Award Winner
- Shifter Magazine, Outstanding Black Men in Canada list
- Checking In, Photo Exhibit, ArtworxTO
- Article, A War of Words, Write Magazine, Winter 2022
- Article, Anti-Black Anti-Blackness, Africanthology, Renaissance Press
- Essay, Anti-Black Anti Blackness published in Africanthology, Renaissance Press
- Emancipation Day by Adidas & Foot Locker
- Feeling Emotions Photo Exhibit
- CBC Poetry Prize Jury
- SiNG Festival





- Curator, ArtworxTO, Scarborough Hub, City of Toronto
- Margo Bindhart and Rita Davies Award

  Play Grade 8 Licensed to CBC PlayMe
- Play, Grade 8, Licensed to CBC PlayMe Podcast (2018-2024)
- Article, Art & Race, Living In The Skin I'm In, CPAMO
- Article, Toward Meaningful Change, Write Magazine. Summer 2021
- Write Magazine Article, Summer 2021 issue

- *2020*
- Perform for former U.S. President Barack Obama
- Article published in Write Magazine
- Published in Changing The Face of Canadian Literature
- Changing The Face of Canadian Literature Anthology, Guernica Editions

- Released Justice short
- Released How To Be An Ally Short
- Released Miss Understood short
- Co-Producer, Wordlife 20
- Parenting article published by the CBC

- 2019
- Launch Everyday Excellence Program
- Co-produced Season 2, Poetically Speaking on the AfroGlobal TV Network
- Sheri-D Wilson Golden Beret Award winner
- Producer and Host, Poetically Speaking Season 2, AfroGlobal Television Network
- Canadian Festival of Spoken Word, National Poetry Slam Champion
- Commissioned by the National Basketball League of Canada
- Commissioned by the Speaker Slam
- Founded and co-produced the Toronto Spoken Soul Festival

- 2018
- Co-Creator, Toronto Spoken Soul Festival
- Toronto Book Awards Jury
- Listen Up! Program facilitator with The Gryphon Trice

- Finalist, Premier's Award for Excellence in the Arts
- Nude on Nude Photo Exhibit
- Listed as one of the 23 Coolest people from Scarborough by the Huffington Post
- Producer and Host, Poetically Speaking Season 1, AfroGlobal Television Network
- Producer and Host, Write in Toronto, Bell Fibe TV1

## 2015

- Created the Halton Region District School Board student poetry slam league
- Co-Producer, South North Griots Summit
- Black Canadian Award, Best Spoken Word Artist

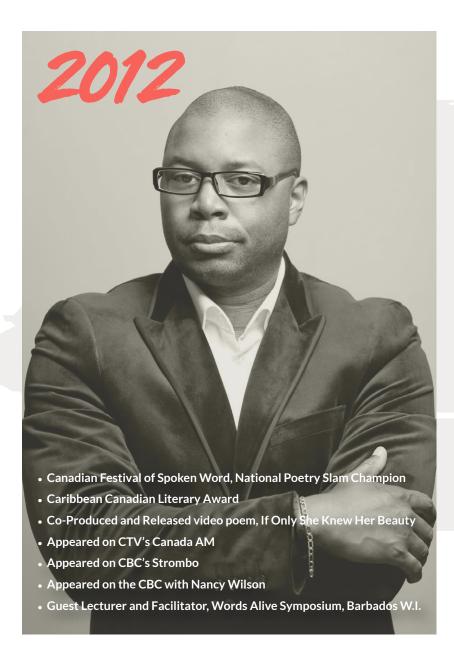
## 2014

- Race, Sex, and the Body Photo Exhibit
- Recipient, Planet Africa Renaissance Award
- Toronto Arts Council Artist in Residence, Cedarbrae Library
- Featured on Ontario Black History Society's Black History Month Trailblazer poster

- Inducted into the Scarborough Walk of Fame
- Created the York Region District School Board student poetry slam league
- Created the Soul Slam Singer-Songwriter
   Competition
- Poetic tribute to Nelson Mandela airs or CTV's Canada AM

- Published in The Great Black North, Frontenac Press
- Centennial College Convocation Speaker
- Great Black North Anthology,
   Frontenac House
- Njozi Award for Achievement in the Spoken Word, Buffalo, NY, USA





- Created the Last Poet Standing competition event
- Released If Only She Knew Her Beauty short
- Death of His Favourite Shoes photography exhibit

#### 2010

- Poem commissioned by the BC Federation of Labour
- Poem, Black Birds, appears in the dance show, Awakening, by the Caribbean Dance Theatre
- The Sum of Her Parts Photo Exhibit displayed at the Toronto Centre for the Arts

- Produced the When Brothers Speak tour (Toronto, Ottawa)
- Book, Le Making of d'un Homme included in the Salon du Livre, Montreal, Quebec
- Mas Hysteria photo exhibit, Nuit Blanche Toronto
- Tribute To Michael Jackson' broadcasted by CBC Radio Canada
- Released Aural Sex short
- Tribute To Michael Jackson' broadcasted by MTV Canada
- A Letter for Tori, broadcasted by CBC Radio Canada
- Photo, Role Models, Licensed by the National Eating Disorder Information Centre
- Photo, Chiney Bumps, published in the Spring edition of Verve Girl Magazine



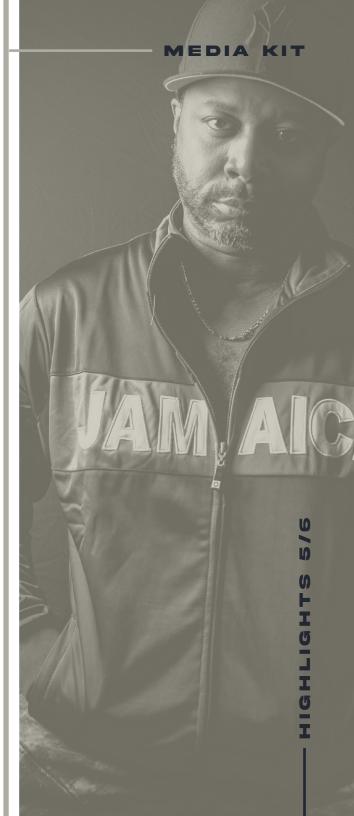
- Youngpoets.ca Poet In Residence, July
- Wrote, directed, and performed in one man show, Grade 8
- Mini Tour of Hungary and France
- Faculty of the first Spoken Word Program at the Banff Centre in Alberta
- Image appeared on the Legacy Black History Month Poster
- Featured on the Black History Month Poster for the Committee on Community
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Released E-Males short

- Guest editor of Young Voices, published by the Toronto Public Library
- 6 photos selected for display at the Small Gallery as part of Nuit Blanche

#### 2006

- Short film, Three Knocks, screened at Toronto's Reel World Film Festival
- Walking on Words Tour, with performances in Scotland, England, Holand, Belgium, and France

- Short film, Three Knocks, screened at the Visible Verse Festival in Vancouver, BC
- Poet of Honour at the Canadian Festival of Spoken Word
- Profiled on Literature Alive airing on Bravo
- Profiled on Sun TV Program, Echo (Insight Films)
- Performs at Toronto's Roy Thompson Hall for Martin Luther King Day Celebrations
- Consultant and Artist for L'Oreal Paris, The Art of the Fight Campaign
- Hosts monthly radio spoken word show, Diasporic Music, on CKLN 88.1FM
- In the cast of 'The Barbershop Show', a Human Rights Awareness program that toured across Canada.
- Canadian Urban Music Award, Best Spoken Word Recording
- Published anthology, Erotic





- Profiled on In The Black (OMNI 1)
- Joins Straight Up Advice Column in Sun Media Corporation's daily, 24 Hours
- Opened for Grammy Award winner Alicia Keys at the Ricoh Coliseum (Toronto)
- Walking on Words Tour 3, featuring performances in Canada, the US, Jamaica
- Barbados, Budapest, Amsterdam, England, France, and Germany
- Co-Creator, Canadian Festival of Spoken Word
- Article, To Slam or Not to Slam, T Dot Griots, Trafford Publishing

#### 2003

- Appeared as a poet in the feature film 'Honey'
- Featured artist at the St. Louis Spoken Word Expo
- Canadian Urban Music Award, Best Spoken Word Recording
- Created the Toronto International Poetry Slam
- Co-Founder of the Tri-City Slam Series (Toronto, Buffalo, Cleveland)

#### 1999

- Poetry featured in the Canadian Race Relations Foundation's 'See People For Who They Really Are' campaign
- Created When Brothers Speak
- Created the Roots Lounge Open Mic & Poetry Slam

#### 2001

- Canadian Urban Music Award, Best Spoken Word Recording
- Created When Sisters Speak

#### 2000

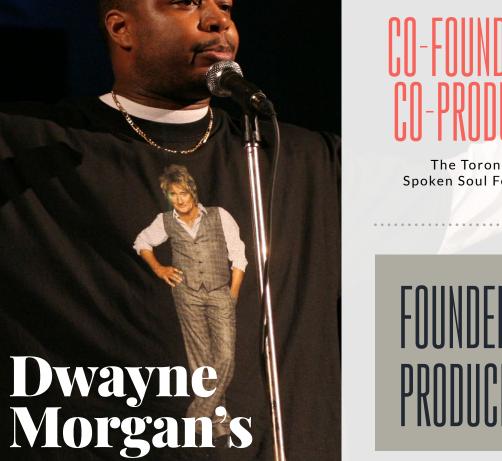
- Poetry facilitator, Royal Conservatory of Music's Learning Through The Arts Program
- Featured as a poet in the film, Hendrix
- Portrayed Martin Luther King Jr. in the play "Memphis: The Life and Death of Martin Luther King Jr." Produced by Theatre Wum

### 1998

- Harry Jerome Award for Excellence in the Arts
- African-Canadian Achievement Award for Youth Achievement

1994

• Founded Up From The Roots Entertainment



The Toronto Spoken Soul Festival



Write In Toronto Poetically Speaking

When Brothers Speak Spoken Word Concert

When Sisters Speak Spoken Word Concert

The Last Poet Standing Competition

The Toronto International Poetry Slam

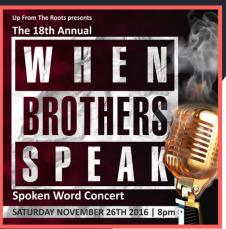
Talking Aloud Spoken Word Showcase

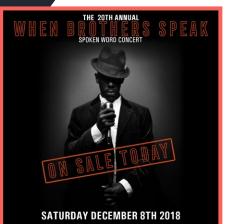
Members Only Erotica and Music Showcase

Black Love Spoken Word and Music Showcase

The Soul Slam Singer Songwriter Competition

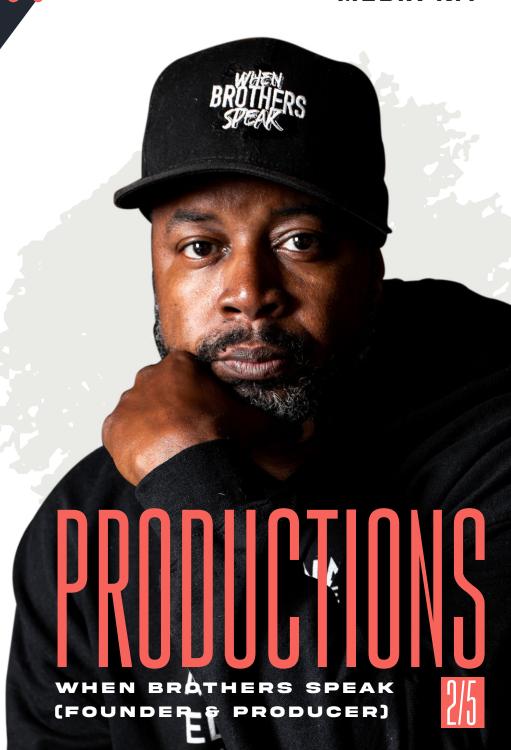










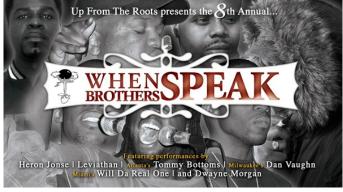


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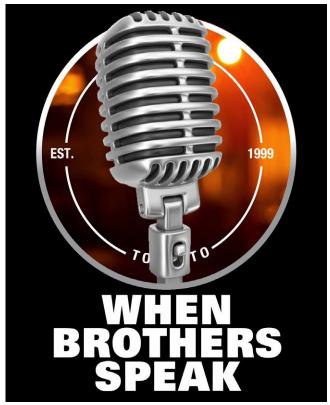
WHEN BROTHERS SPEAK (FOUNDER & PRODUCER)













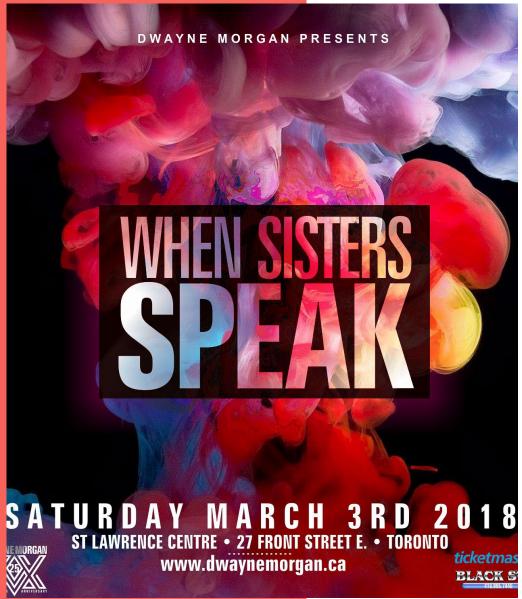


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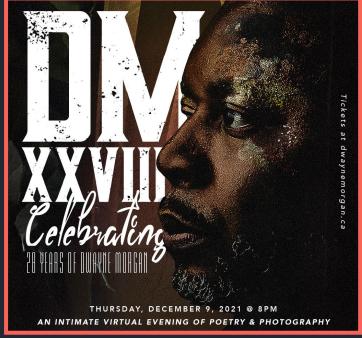


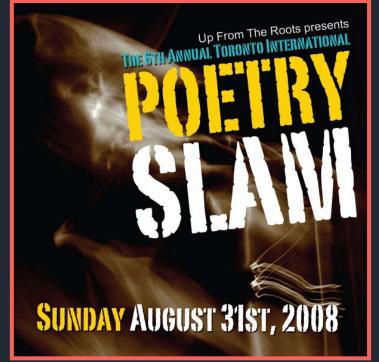


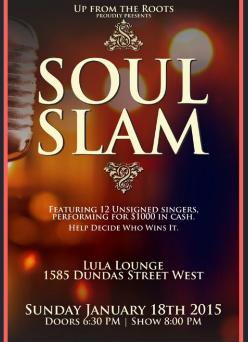


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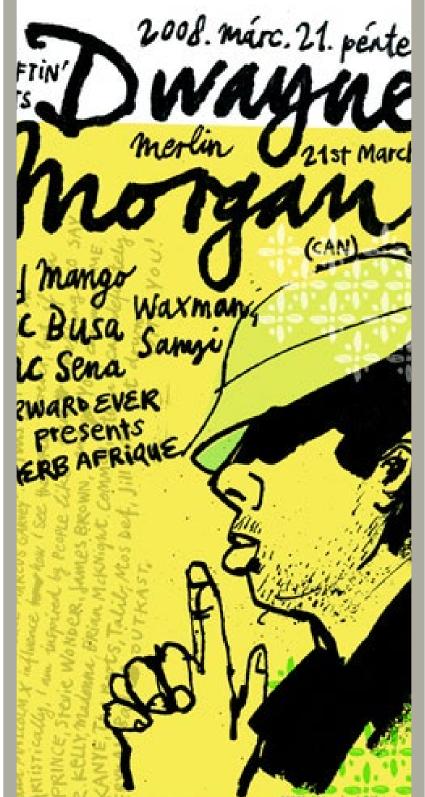




#### **DWAYNE MORGAN**







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#### Dwayne Morgan's

# APPEARANCES



# 2022

- Toronto Storytelling Festival
- Aca-Film Festival
- Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival
- Emancipation Day St. Catherines
- Hamilton Film Festival, Dramatic Shorts, A Long Road to Freedom

- Edmonton Short Film Festival, Long Road to Freedom
- Labrador Creative Arts Festival
- The B-Global Indigenous Hip Hop Summit, Kampala, Uganda
- Planet Spark Poetry Slam Festival, India

- Toronto Storytelling Festival
- Origin Kitchen Concert Series, Ottawa, ON

- Jamaica Poetry Festival
- Kuumba Festival, Toronto
- Shuffle Festival, California
- Cascadoo Festival, Trinidad

2019

- Kalmunity Music Week, Headliner, Montreal, QC
- · House of Paint, Headliner, Ottawa, ON
- Toronto Spoken Soul Festival, Toronto, ON
- FOLD Kids, Brampton, ON

2016

- Nkabom Poetry Festival, Ghana
- Chale Wote Art Festival, Ghana
- Palaver International Authors Festival, Wasaga Beach

2015

- Live Art Festival, Toronto, ON
- London Fringe Festival, London, ON
- Toronto, Fringe Festival, Toronto, ON
- Palaver International Authors Festival, Wasaga Beach

2014

- Bridging Festival, Toronto
- Hillside Festival, Guelph, ON
- Cathedral Village Arts Festival, Saskatchewan

2013

- Royal Ontario Museum, Friday Night Live
- Cascadoo Poetry Festival, Trinidad, W.I.
- Kuumba Festival, Toronto
- Verses Festival, Vancouver, BC
- Afrofest, Windsor, ON

2012

- Words Alive, Barbados, W.I.
- Superbowl, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Toronto Storytelling Festival
- Hillside Festival, Guelph

- Toronto Storytelling Festival
- Les 15 Cents Coups Du Festival, Paris, France
- Festival International de Poesie de Trois-Rivieres, Quebec

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#### 2010

- Canadian Festival of Spoken Word
- Festival International de la Poesie
- Hillside Festival, Guelph
- Hamilton Fringe Festival
- Toronto Fringe Festival
- Montreal Fringe Festival
- Ontario Writers Conference

#### 2009

- Hillside Festival, Guelph, Ontario, Canada
- African History Week, Oslo, Norway
- Hamilton Fringe Festival
- FiEstival MaelstrOm ReEvolution, Brussels, Belgium
- Kuumba Festival, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto

#### 2008

- Hillside Festival, Guelph, ON
- Canadian Festival of Spoken Word, Calgary, Alberta
- Irie Music Festival, Toronto, ON
- Street Seen Urban Arts Festival, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Hamilton Fringe Festival
- Calgary International Spoken Word Festival

#### 2007

- Hillside Festival, Guelph, Ontario, Canada
- Calgary International Spoken Word Festival
- Canadian Festival of Spoken Word, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Festival Voix d'Ameriques, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

- Mariposa Folk Festival, Orillia, Ontario
- Canadian Festival of Spoken Word (Producer), Toronto, Canada





- Hot and Spicy Festival, Harbourfront, Toronto, Canada
- Kuumba Festival, Harbourfront, Toronto, Canada
- Calgary International Spoken Word Festival
- Canadian Festival of Spoken Word, Vancouver, BC, Canada (Poet of Honour)

#### 2004

- Calgary International Spoken Word Festival
- Kuumba Festival, Harbourfront, Toronto, Canada
- Kanadai Tavaszi Fesztival, Budapest, Hungary
- Congaline Music Festival, Barbados, West Indies
- Distillery Jazz Festival, Toronto, Canada
- Toronto International Dub Poetry Festival, Toronto, Canada
- Jamaican Ocho Rios Jazz Festival, Jamaica, West Indies
- Word Up Spoken Word Expo, Norfolk, Virginia, U.S.A.
- Vancouver Folk Music Festival, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

#### 2003

- Kuumba Festival, Harbourfront, Toronto, Canada
- Toronto Storytelling Festival, Toronto, Canada
- Wordfest, Calgary, Alberta
- Caribbean Canadian Literary Expo, Toronto, Canada
- Irie Music Festival, Toronto, Canada
- Spoken Word Expo, St. Louis, U.S.A.

- Kuumba Festival, Harbourfront, Toronto, Canada
- Irie Music Festival, Toronto, Canada



- Kuumba Festival, Harbourfront, Toronto, Canada
- DuMaurier Downtown Jazz Festival, Toronto, Canada
- Toronto Street Festival, Toronto, Canada
- Toronto Urban Music Festival, Toronto, Canada

2000

- Kuumba Festival, Harbourfront, Toronto, Canada
- DuMaurier Downtown Jazz Festival, Toronto, Canada

#### 1997 TO 1999

• Caribana Arts and Music Festival, Toronto, Canada

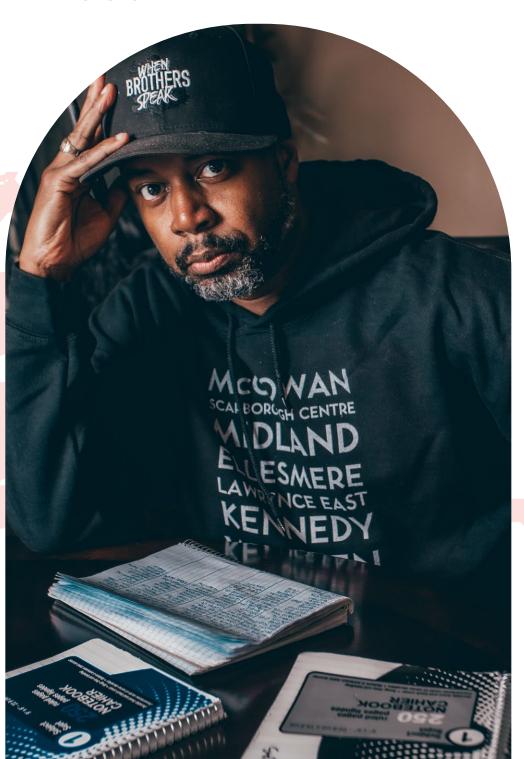






## Dwayne Morgan's

# PUBLISHING/ DISCOGRAPHY



• Silent Night, A Dwayne Morgan Christmas

# 2021

- All That Remains poetry collection published
- Quarantined At Home photobook published
- Track, Crazy Situation appears on Quisha Wint album, My Life

#### 2020

- Period & Other Lessons From My Daughter poetry collection published
- Timed Out album released
- Christmas 'carol', Mrs. Claus released

2019

• Published, Fairytales children's book

2018

· Released, Sometimes reggae album

2017

• Released, Wet erotica album

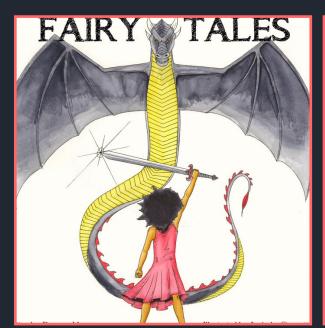
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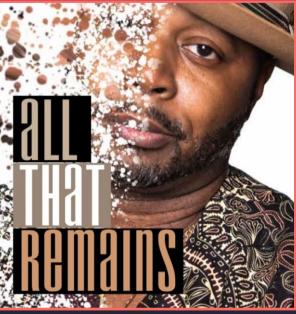
• Published No Apologies poetry collection

2015

• Published, Before I Was Born children's book

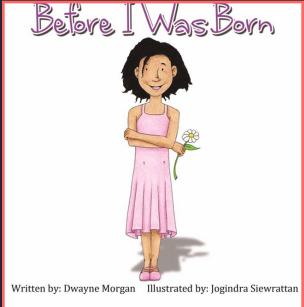


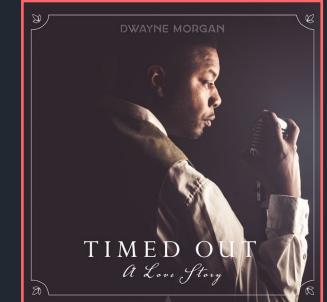












- Published, Everyday Excellence, an inspirational memoir
- Published in The Great Black North, Frontenac Press
- Track, The Beat, licensed to Blood Music, UK
- Featured on City Love by Aria Kane
- · Featured on Return to Sender by Dan-e-o

#### 2011

- Released Idle Hands, erotica album
- Released Her Favourite Shoes collection of poetry
- Released Eartight mixtage

#### 2010

 Cunnilinguistics: The Sensual Musings of Dwayne Morgan, published by Adage Editions, Montreal

#### 2009

- Le Making of d'un Homme, published by maelstrOm reEvolution, Belgium/Adage, Montreal, Quebec
- Track, Incomplete, appears on Jef Kearns album, On The Level

#### 2008

- Release DVD, Dwayne Morgan, The First Fifteen, produced by Master T
- Track, Samitra, appears on the Jamie Finlay, I Am Love EP, Wah Wah Records. UK

#### 2007

- Release Mellow Mood: The End of the Beginning double album
- Track, Any Given Sunday, appears on the Underground Hits and Exclusive Bits: Two Album, Wah Wah Records, UK
- The Making of A Man, appears on the album, Canadian Festival of Spoken Word, Volume One, Toronto 2006

#### 2006

- Bombs Over Brampton, commissioned for and released on the Urban Noise Compilation Album
- The Sum of Her Parts, appears on the Kate Bowen EP, Bare

#### 2005

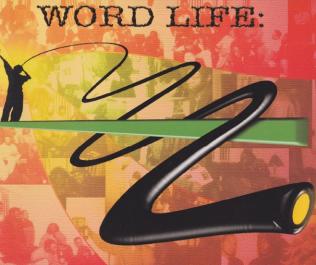
- Producer of Carte Blanche, an album featuring the comedy of Jean Paul and Marc Trinidad
- · Publishes book, The Making of A Man
- Publishes erotic anthology, Erotic

#### 2004

- Releases 10 year anniversary double album,
   A Decade in the Making
- Published in TDot Griots, Trafford Publishing

- Releases Toronto International Poetry Slam Compilation CD
- · Released album, Soul Searching











- Published book, The Man Behind the Mic
- Poem Everything, Licensed and released in Chicago, London and Japan

#### 2001

 Appears on the Baby Blue Sound Crew's Gold Selling compilation album 'Private Party Volume 2' (Universal Music Canada)

#### 2000

• Produced album, The Evolution

1999

• Published first full length book, Long Overdue

1997

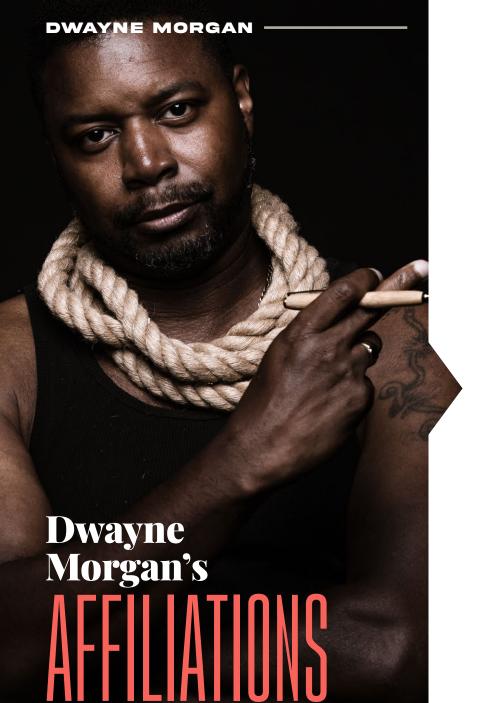
- Produced Cassette, Another Level
- Poem, Black Fugitives appears on Wordlife Compilation

1996

• Produced Chapbook, The Revolution Starts Within

1995

• Produced Chapbook, Straight From The Roots





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Write Magazine Editorial Board (2019-2022)



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Member (2018-Present)



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Member



LEAGUE OF CANADIAN POETS

Member



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