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<http://www.aseblackstorytellers.org/member-profile.php?mid=18>

Chicago Torture Justice Memorials Chicago, IL

Rally Song Leader 2015

ShaZah

Partner with Shanta Nurullah to perform Folk Songs and Stories 2014 -Present

Chicago Lights Academic Success in School (CLASS) 126 E. Chestnut St. Chicago, IL 60611

<http://www.chicagolights.org/>

Teaching Artist: Creative Dramatics, vocal and percussion music 2008-Present

eta Creative Arts Foundation 7558 S. South Chicago, IL 60649. Ph. 773/ 752- 3955

Teaching Artist: Creative Dramatics, vocal and percussion music 2000-2012

Arts in Education Coordinator 2006-2012

Developed and hired staff for arts integration and after-school programs

Chicago Park District

TRACE (Teen Re-imaging Art Community and Environment)

Lead Artist 2005-2013

Participated in collaboration of design, development and implementation for youth-initiated projects in: Washington Park, Bessemer Park, West Pullman Park, South Shore Cultural Center

HYPE/ AIM Chicago State University Gwendolyn Brooks Center

HIV/AIDS AWARENES Youth Performance Ensemble

Artistic Director 2009-2010

Teaching Artist 2008-2010

Chicago Field Museum

Safe Climate

Storytelling Facilitator 2010

Developed and demonstrated storytelling video and tool kit for community story gatherers

About Face Youth Theater Chicago, IL

Vocal and Percussion Music Director 2001- 2004

Introduced and developed music and songwriting techniques for LGBT youth led performances

Albany Park Theater Project Chicago, IL

Vocal and Percussion Music Director 1998-2002

Introduced and developed music and songwriting techniques for youth led performances

Ravinia Music Festival Ravinia Park, IL

Teaching Artist: Music Instructor 1995-2000

Designed and implemented music workshops for selected Chicago Public Schools

Whirlwind Performance Company Chicago, IL

Teaching Artist: Music Instructor 1992-1995

Worked in collaboration to design and implement an arts integrated residency for select Chicago Public Schools

Augusta Music Festival Elkins, West Virginia

Youth Activities Director 1991-1995

Designed and implemented children's arts programs for week long music festival

Chicago Osteopathic Hospital

Music Specialist 1991-1994

Collaborated with Arts Special to design voice and percussion music residency for emotionally disturbed children

Old Town School of Folk Music

Teaching Artist: Music 1990-1992

Wiggleworms Instructor

Design and implementation of African American music residencies for select Chicago Public Schools

In The Spirit Performance Duo 1990-Present

Vocalist/ Storyteller with Emily Hooper Lansana

Featured performances and workshops:

- Jonesborough, TN
 - National Storytelling Festival 2006, 2008,
 - Tellers in Residence at the International Storytelling Center in 2010
<http://www.storytellingcenter.net/tir/tir-schedule.htm>
- Illinois Storytelling Festival 2008
- National Association of Black Storytellers 1997-Present
 - Kansas City, Kansas, Philadelphia, Baltimore
- Word Storytelling Festival, Amherst College 2006
- Jazz Festival, Jazz and Heritage Family Stage, Chicago, IL
- *Chicago Humanities Festival 2009*

Education:

Butler University, Significant course work in Music Education 1976-77

Professional Development: 1989-Present

On-going Arts Education training through workshops, seminars and exchange of information, which include these bi-annual intensives:

- Center for Inquiry Exploratorium, San Francisco, CA
- CAPE, Chicago, IL
- Columbia College, Chicago, IL
- eta Creative Arts Foundation

Independent Training: Storytelling techniques from established tellers such as, Jackie Torrence, Shanta Nurullah, Mitch Capel, Baba Jamal KoramParticipated in **Music Intensives workshops** at Augusta Heritage Music Festival/ Elkins, West Virginia with:

Dr. Ysaye Barnwell of the singing activist group, Sweet Honey In The Rock

Blues singer, Gaye Adegbelola, and Gospel singer, Ethel Café Austin

On-going

Private drum/percussion lessons with internationally known drummer, Hamid Drake

Circle Training Certificate from Community Justice for Youth Institute (CJYI) 2009, Chicago, IL

Participated in Theater of the Oppressed intensive workshops and private lessons

Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKMbatSrk_4