

KHALIL ISMAIL

CREATIVE ENTREPRENEUR. SOCIAL CHANGE AGENT

Creative Director. Recording Artist. Filmmaker. Writer/Speaker. Humanitarian.



- 2015 – **Current: Creative, Film & Marketing Director** @ KI Creative Studios
- 2008 – **Current: Recording & Performing Artist, Composer, Bandleader.** Started recording music in 2008. Has since produced or recorded 7 studio albums. Currently in 2018 receives 26,000 Spotify Streams per month: Started performing in 2008 and has since performed around the world appearing in West and South Africa, UK, Amsterdam, Australia, Germany and around the United States. Has shared the stage with major artists such as Rakim, Mos Def, Freeway, Yuna, Vic Mensa, Brother Ali etc...
- 2017 – **Current: Director & Lead Artist** for the "Black Message Music" Presentation & Performance Series
- 2016 – **Cohort Member & Writer** for Re-Imagining justice in Baltimore,
- 2010 – **Current: Youth Arts Teacher & Mentor**
- 2011 – **Current: Cubase Mixing and Recording Engineer**
- 2010 – **2015 Operations Manager** @ Muslimat Al Nisaa Women's Shelter
- 2007 – **2008: Multimedia Director** @ Digital Sports
- 2003 – **2007: Database Administrator** @ The Maryland Foodbank

MUSIC ACCOLADES & PLACEMENTS:

- 2018 – **Multiple Placements:** His Other Wife Movie, Music Supervisor as well as placed multiple tracks. PLAYING ON AMAZON PRIME
- 2017 – **Placement: DC Metro Jingle, "Escalate Your Safety"** Music Track Co- Writer & Vocals
- 2017 – **Placement: PBS, "I WIN"** Music Track Producer, Full Writer & Rap-Vocals
- 2016 – **Placement: NBA Inside Stuff, "Wake Up"** Music Track, Co-Producer, Writer & Vocals
- 2016 – **Placement: CBS Sports: "We Ball"** Music Track, Writer & Vocals
- 2015 – **Placement: Discovery Channel Commercial "Oddities"** Music Track Vocals and Studio Performance
- 2014 – **Placement: Fox Promos: Gang Related Trailer: "Focused"** Music Track, Writer & Performer

MUSIC AWARDS & TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 – **3 City South Africa Performance Tour**
- 2015 – **NBA All Star Weekend Summit**
- 2014 – **Single "Knocking" Charted number 3 on Independent Artist Charts**
- 2014 – **14 City UK Tour:** performing, speaking and giving workshops to students on the topic of artistic integrity and how to be more creative
- 2009 – Music Aid Independent Artist Award: **Best Male Solo Artist**
- 2009 – **21-city USA Tour,** coast-to-coast tour performing, speaking and giving workshops to students on the topic of artistic integrity and how to be more creative
- 2011 – **Netherlands Tour: Ten-day tour** performing, speaking and giving workshops to students on the topic of artistic integrity and how to be more creative
- 2012 – **Ivory Coast Tour:** publicity, performing and working with international artist, Zain Bhikha
- 2012 – **Apollo Theatre Performance: performed at the historic theatre in front 1000+;**
- 2015 – **Mets Stadium Press Box Performance**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2009 – "Hip Hop SAT Words" Taught kids complex SAT words and their meanings using Hip Hop.
- 2009, 2011 – The Art of Creative Expression, Workshop Tour
- 2018 – Photo Therapy for Keys Development
Manifesting Our Destiny (Music Therapy)

FILM & VIDEO PROJECTS

- 2018 – **His Other Wife Movie: Directed, Edited, Produced & Music Supervised** a short 22 minute narrative drama. NOW ON AMAZON PRIME!
- 2017 – **KI Creative Studios Director Reel**
- 2017 – **"Re-Imaging Baltimore" Shot, Edited & Directed** Mini Documentary for Keys Development
- 2017 – **Faith Aids Day PSA: Shot, Directed, & Edited** PSA Video for local nonprofit:
- 2016 – **Hamza Abdullah "Come Follow Me"** Directed, Edited, Music Supervised short film for former NFL player's new book ad.
- 2014 – **Lead Artist, Director, and Editor** for "Man Up" Music Video
- 2013 – **Lead Artist and Editor** for "Thank You Haters" Music Video
- 2013 – **Lead Artist and Editor** for "Freedom Fighters" Music Video

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS OR ARTICLES

- 2020 – **Johns Hopkins University,** Islam's influence on HipHop
- 2018 – **Cornell University,** Confronting Prejudice within the self
- 2017 – **Princeton University,** How The Media Shapes Our Perception
- 2017 – **Ohio State University,** How the Media Shapes our Perception
- 2017 – **Ohio State University,** Overcoming Addiction
- 2017 – **University of Baltimore:** Black Lives Matter, in the Muslim Community
- 2017 – **Huffington Post:** The Convenience of Negligence (Article)
- 2017 – **The Villager Article:** Kaepernick Reminds Us That We Can Be MORE
- 2016 – **University of Baltimore:** Continuing the legacy of Black Message Music Performance & Lecture Series
- 2016 – **Huffington Post:** Re-Imagining Justice in Baltimore (video)

PERFORMANCES & MEDIA

LINKS

- ▶ **THE MARC STEINER SHOW**
Continuing the tradition of black message music
- ▶ **20/20 SONG**
A time capsule on how the year 2020 changed us
- ▶ **HIP HOP WIRED**
New Artist Spotlight
- ▶ **D.BOOTH.NET**
Mother Single Review
- ▶ **DJ BOOTH.NET**
Knocking Single Review
- ▶ **THE MARC STEINER SHOW**
Black Male Artists: Deep Voice, Masculinity & Exposing Young Minds
- ▶ **FIRST WE NEED THE LOVE**
Music Video
- ▶ **THE HOPING**
Latest Album
- ▶ **HELLO LIVE**
Lisner Auditorium George Washington U
- ▶ **MUHAMMAD ALI TRIBUTE**
Music & Soundtrack
- ▶ **FREEDOM REMIX**
Live Basement Sessions
- ▶ **ALLAH**
Music Video
- ▶ **PANDORA RADIO STATION**
Music

STATISTICS

- ▶ Performed in front of crowds of up to 50,000 at the UK Global Peace & Unity Conference
- ▶ Currently receives over 26,000 Spotify streams per month
- ▶ Directed digital marketing campaign that
- ▶ Toured multiple countries completing creative workshops with over 1,000 total children
- ▶ Over 1 Million total You-tube Views
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