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**ABOUT ME:**

I am a professional writer and editor with over fifteen years of experience. I have published work as a reporter, journalist, fiction writer, essayist and poet in publications ranging from anthologies to newspapers to magazines, both online and in print. I am a performance poet and storyteller, and I am a producer of live musical and theatrical events. Additionally, I have extensive experience in the non–profit sector in communications and development.

**PROFESSIONAL WRITING EXPERIENCE:**

* Editor In Chief/Senior Writer/Content Manager – Speakerbox Magazine

April 2014 – December 2017

* Managing Editor/Senior Staff Writer – Mic Life Magazine

September 2005 to December 2013

* Editorial Assistant, Simon and Schuster (Strebor Books)

April 2011 to September 2011

* Web Writer, AOL (America Online) City’s Best

October 2010 to February 2011

* Writer/Copy Editor and Photographer, The Afro Newspapers (Baltimore and Washington, D.C. editions)

December 2007 to May 2009

* Contributing Writer, City Paper (Baltimore, Maryland)

August 2006 to December 2010

* Baltimore Magazine – April 2007
* The Orlando Sentinel – September 2009
* The Baltimore Sun – March 2001 and May 2004

**PUBLISHING AND EDITING AWARDS AND CREDITS:**

* Received an honorable mention in the Non-Fiction/Memoir Category of the North Street Book Prize for “She’s Such A Bright Girl: An American Story” – February 2019
* *She’s Such A Bright Girl: An American Story* – Memoir (self-published) – June 2018
* Line Editor – “Lessons In Redemption” by community activist Kevin Shird **–** March 2015
* “Going Short: Some Authors Simply Prefer Compact Storytelling” – Opt/Ed Essay for “Big Books Issue” – Baltimore City Paper – September 2009
* “Sun Writer C Fraser Smith Chronicles The Marylanders Who Fought For Civil Rights In His New Book” – One on one interview – Baltimore City Paper – August 2008
* “Miss Behave: Women's Erotic Compilation Offers Diverse, Creative Take On The One–Handed Short Story” – Book Review – Baltimore City Paper – June 2008
* “Lipstick and Other Stories – An Erotic Anthology” – Published in print by Phaze Books – February 2008
* “Just Another Day: Anger, Sadness, Resentfulness, Disgust and Other Valentine’s Day Emotions” – Opt/Ed Essay – Baltimore City Paper – February 2008
* “The Listener: Robert Cataliotti's Lifelong Passion For Music and Literature Fused Into An Academic Career” – Book Review/Author Interview – Baltimore City Paper – February 2008
* “Unholy Alliances: Lamar Hill Takes on the Megachurch In His Latest Play” – Afro Newspapers – February 2008
* “B–more Poetic” – Afro Newspapers – January 2008
* “All Poetry All The Time – Interview With The 5th L” – Afro Newspapers – January 2008
* “Landmark Theaters Welcomes The Baltimore Women’s Film Festival” – Afro Newspapers – October 2007
* “Baltimore’s First Ever Fashion Week” – Event Coverage and interview with Coordinator – Afro Newspapers – September 2007
* “Crazy Good Person: Baltimore's Incomparable Larnell Custis Butler Publishes Her First Book” – One on one interview – Baltimore City Paper – April 2007
* “Flow Like A Butterfly: Interview with Olu Butterfly Woods” – Baltimore Magazine – April 2007
* “Lipstick and Other Stories – An Erotic Anthology” – Published as an electronic book by Phaze Books – March 2007
* “Reliving History – Law Professor Sherri Lyn Ifill Offers Restorative Justice In On The Courthouse Lawn” – Book Review/One on one interview with author – Baltimore City Paper – March 2007
* “The Good Parts: Finding My Place In The World By Writing Erotica” – Essay for “Big Books Issue” – Baltimore City Paper – September 2006
* “It Is What It Is” – An erotic short story – Published in Zane’s erotica anthology “Caramel Flava” – August 2006

**PERFORMANCES AND APPEARANCES:**

* Rock Opera 101 concert series produced with The Baltimore Rock Opera Society
  + Part 1 show - July 2020 - American Music - Voiceover
  + Part 2 show - August 2020 - Onto The Stage with special guest Navasha Daya – Voiceovers and live performance
  + Part 3 show – September 2020 - Into The Future: Resist! – Voiceovers and live performance
* WEAA-FM Baltimore, MD – Discussion with Sheilah Kast about the Rock Opera 101 shows – July 2020
* Book Discussion – Enoch Pratt Free Library, Walbrook Branch – Baltimore, MD – June 2019
* The Future of Storytelling – Apple Store opening at The Carnegie Library – Washington, D.C. – May 2019
* Book Discussion – Enoch Pratt Free Library, Waverly Branch – Baltimore, MD – December 2018
* WEAA–FM – Baltimore, MD – Book discussion on “In The Groove With LaDawn Black” – November 2018
* Stoop Storytellers – The Senator Theater – Baltimore, MD – October 2018
* Baltimore Book Festival – Inner Harbor – Baltimore, Maryland – September 2018
* WEAA–FM – Baltimore, MD – Book discussion on “Mornings With Mykel” – September 2018
* Lunch and Learn Book Talk – Impact Hub – Baltimore, Maryland – July 2018
* Book Release Luncheon/Panel Discussion – Touchpoint Mondawmin – Baltimore, MD – June 2018
* WYPR–FM – Baltimore, MD - Appearance on “On The Record” with Sheilah Kast – June 2018
* Charm City Kitty Club performance – Theater Project – Baltimore, MD – October 2017
* RAW Artists Presents “Marvel” – Tatu Lounge – Baltimore, MD – April 2013
* The Great Burlesque Expo – Hyatt Regency Cambridge – Cambridge, MA – March 2013
* Tilted Torch “Modern Elegance” Burlesque/Variety Showcase – Washington, D.C. – March 2013
* “The Eros Salon” – The Living Well – Baltimore, MD – February 2013
* Judah’s Jukejoint Thursdays – Nowchild Soundstage – Baltimore, MD – December 2012
* The Baltimore Crown Awards – Baltimore, MD – November 2012
* 2nd Annual Erotic Art Show – Gallery 788 – Baltimore, MD – October 2012
* Burlesque/Spoken Word Showcase – The Crazy Russian – Baltimore, MD – September 2012
* The Erotic Wonderland Rock ‘N Roll Circus – The Red Palace – Washington, D.C. – August 2012
* D.C. Black Theater Festival – Busboys and Poets – Hyattsville, MD – June 2012
* D.C. Variety Show – The Red Palace – Washington, D.C. – April 2012
* “The Vagina Monologues” performance – Select Lounge – Baltimore, MD – February 2012
* LIVE @ Organic Soul Tuesdays – Eden’s Lounge – Baltimore, MD – February 2012
* “The Out of Water eXperience” Music Video release – 14K Cabaret Lounge – Baltimore, MD – November 2011
* 1st Annual Erotic Art Show – Gallery 788 – Baltimore, MD – October 2011
* Ssshhh Erotic Poetry Showcase – Club Allure – Charlotte, NC – August 2011
* My Sexy Valentine Showcase – Level X Lounge – Washington, D.C. – February 2011
* “The Clown With No Circus” CD Release/Variety Show with Femi The DriFish and Friends – The 14K Cabaret Lounge – Baltimore, MD – January 2011
* Stoop Storytellers “O Little Town O’ Baltimore” – Center Stage – Baltimore, MD – December 2010
* Late Night at The Patterson – The Creative Alliance – Baltimore, MD – October 2010
* Mo Beasley Presents UrbanErotika – The Bowery Poetry Club – New York, NY – June 2010
* Ssshhh Valentine’s Day Erotic Poetry Showcase – Club Allure – Charlotte, NC – February 2010
* 92Q Valentine’s Day Speed Dating event – Aloft Hotel – Linthicum, MD – February 2010
* Nokturnal Escape Presents “Valentine’s Day Poetry Showcase” – Jacksonville, FL – February 2010
* Charm City Kitty Club presents “Dyke School Musical” – The Creative Alliance – Baltimore, MD – October 2009
* The Punany Poets LIVE – DC Arts Center – Washington, D.C. – July 2009
* Winter Music Conference – Eden Roc Hotel – Miami, FL – March 2009
* Nokturnal Escape Presents “Valentine’s Day Poetry Showcase” – Jacksonville, FL – February 2009
* Performance at 92Q Valentine’s Day Speed Dating event – Aloft Hotel – Linthicum, MD – February 2009
* The Punany Poets Presents “The Head Doctor Show” – The DC Arts Center – Washington, D.C. – February 2009

**EVENT PRODUCTION BIO:**

* Executive Producer and Co-Director - Currently producing another series of theatrical concerts focusing on classic hip hop albums, going to the stage September 2021
* Producer – Rock Opera 101 – A 3-part online concert series – Produced for The Baltimore Rock Opera Society – Featuring Jonathan Gilmore – Presenting Sponsor – Creative Alliance
  + Part 1 show - July 2020 - American Music
  + Part 2 show - August 2020 - Onto The Stage with special guest Navasha Daya
  + Part 3 show – September 2020 - Into The Future: Resist!
* Producer – Rock Opera 101 – Part 1 – American Music – Presenting Sponsor – Creative Alliance
  + Encore performance of Part 1 show performed at The Kennedy Center Arts Across American (virtual stage) – August, 2020
* Producer/Promoter – Bmore Hip Hop Karaoke (Recurring monthly event) – Le Mondo – Baltimore, MD – June 2019 to August 2019
* Producer/Promoter – Bmore Hip Hop Karaoke (Special Event Edition) – The Reginald Lewis Museum – Baltimore, MD – February, March, and April 2019
* Producer/Promoter – “The Crossroads II” – Metro Gallery – Baltimore, MD – March 2019
* Producer/Promoter – Bmore Hip Hop Karaoke (Recurring monthly event) – The Motor House – Baltimore, MD – Hosted by Eze Jackson, Ellen Gee and DJ Harvey Dent - October 2018 to May 2019
* Event Producer/Promoter – “Respect: A Homegoing Tribute Concert to Aretha Franklin” – Creative Alliance – Baltimore, MD – September 2019 – Featuring Lea Gilmore, Navasha Daya, and Joyce Scott
* Event Producer/Promoter – “Wonderland: A Dance Music Tribute Featuring Jonathan Gilmore” – The Motor House – Baltimore, MD – January 2018
* Event Producer/Promoter – “Inspired 2 Be – The Chronicles of CynDiva Starring CynDiva” – The Motor House – Baltimore, MD – April 2017
* Event Producer/Promoter – “Live From The Crossroads Starring Jonathan Gilmore” – The Motor House – Baltimore, MD – August 2016
* Event Producer/Promoter – “A Soulful Tribute To Donny Hathaway Starring Jonathan Gilmore” – The Living Well – Baltimore, MD – January 2016
* Event Producer/Promoter – “The Speakerbox Open Mic” Featuring Taalam Acey – The Living Well – Baltimore, MD – April 2–15
* Event Producer/Promoter – “L.O.V.E. By Any Other Name” Concert Featuring Ama Chandra – The Living Well – Baltimore, MD – February 2015
* Event Producer/Promoter – “The Revival” Concert Featuring Jonathan Gilmore – The Living Well – Baltimore, MD – October 2014
* Event Producer/Promoter/Performer – “The Eros Salon” – The Living Well – Baltimore, MD – February 2013
* Event Producer/Performer – “The Erotic Wonderland Rock & Roll Circus” Showcase – The Red Palace – Washington, D.C. – August 2012
* Event Producer/Performer – “My Sexy Valentine” Concerts – Level X Lounge – Washington, D.C. – February 2011
* Event Manager – CD Release show for Femi The Drifish’s “The Clown With No Circus” – 14K Cabaret – Baltimore, MD – January 2011