



NATIONALLY ACCREDITED POET / SPOKEN WORD ARTIST

Dana Gilmore

**Creator / Performer of the astounding poem...
"Wife, Woman, Friend"**

With several 2008 & 2009 NACA Showcases and a 2009 APCA showcase, Dana Gilmore is proving to be one of the hottest poets in the college market. Her poetic style has been described as both invigorating and cathartic. She has appeared on seasons 3 and 4 of HBO's Def Poetry Jam where she received several standing ovations. She has also shared the stage with artists such as Mos Def, Kanye West, Anthony Hamilton and the legendary Smokey Robinson. Dana's feature performance at Kansas City's well-renowned Blue Room was a sold-out show.

Gilmore's poetic style is very clear-cut and real. For her, all of life can be interpreted through her poetry. She presents them in a form that is rare, yet real. Dana speaks passionately, yet practically, about life's adversities, as well as alternatives for dealing with those realities. Some call writing a gift, for Dana, it's a calling. Today, Dana spends her time traveling across the nation performing while also working on songs, stage plays, and screenplays.

TELEVISION

- Two Time HBO DEF POETRY JAM poet on Seasons 3 & 4



PAST COLLEGE DATES: 2008 & 2009 NACA & APCA SHOWCASES

University of North Carolina - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - Winston Salem State University
Depauw University - Northern Michigan University - St. Johns University - Tougaloo College
James Madison University - Indianapolis University - Frostburg University - Bloomsburg University
Ohio Wesleyan University - Eastern Connecticut State University
University of Central Florida

PRESS

The Pitch - Annie Fischer

"Dana Gilmore flips the script on every expectation about poetry performance."

The Kansas City Star - Jenee Osterheldt

"Dana Gilmore isn't just a poet. She's a Def poet, and that's no small feat."

The Daily Tarheel - Bennett Campbell

"When Dana Gilmore talks, people listen."

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