

HBO Def Poet

# J. Ivy



In the beginning there was the word, the foundation of all forms of art. And when it comes to the art of Poetry or new age Spoken Word, J. Ivy has truly served as a poetic pioneer. Not only was the Chicago bred poet one of the first to grace the stage of the Award Winning HBO Russell Simmons Def Poetry Series , but he was asked to return to the show for two encore performances, where he received standing ovations on each of his appearances. From there , J. Ivy has gone on to receive a Grammy for his participation on Kanye's West "College Dropout" album, where he followed Hip-Hop legend Jay-Z and the ingenious Mr. West, unleashing one of the most memorable and heart felt verses of our time on the classic song "Never Let Me Down." But the poetic journey doesn't end there.

J. Ivy has managed to allow his craft to drive him to many creative avenues. Whether it has been on-camera work for networks such as ABC, NBC, VHI, B.E.T., FOX, MTV, and HBO , voiceovers for the sports world on shows like HBO's "Costas Now," "HBO Boxing," or MTV's "Who's Got Game." He has performed alongside artists such Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Bo Diddley , Patti Labelle, Dougie Fresh, Chuck D, El Debarge, Roy Ayers, The Last Poets, Bob Dylan, Erykah Badu, Carl Thomas, Jill Scott, Mos Def, Kanye West, John Legend and Tarrey Torae. Not only was J. Ivy featured on the Emmy Award Winning Series "ER," he also delivered guest appearances on national albums for artists...Kanye West, Miri Ben-Ari, Lil Mo , and John Legend , who J. Ivy nick-named, J . has truly served as a voice for the times taking poetry to places it hasn't quite gone before.

With a strong ambition to add his name to the history books, J. Ivy has taken his talent and his message, which encourages listeners to believe in themselves to a point where obstacles become obsolete, and in doing so he has moved the minds of millions!



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- 2008 Gold Medalist Clio Award Winner for Verizon's "History In the Making" Campaign
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## PAST COLLEGE DATES:

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