

Poetic X  
Caddo Parish Poet Laureate  
[www.gopoeticx.com](http://www.gopoeticx.com)  
[poeticx760@gmail.com](mailto:poeticx760@gmail.com)

**Education:**

Gambling State University, Gambling, Louisiana.

**Grants, Awards, Fellowships and Residencies:**

Caddo Parish Poet Laureate, 2021-Present.

Shreveport Bossier DeSoto African American Scholarship Change Maker Award, 2025

Arts Ambassador Travel Grants, Shreveport Regional Arts Council, 2024, 2021, 2020.

Swepeco African American Arts Excellence Award, 2024.

Writers Residency, Kallenberg Artist Tower, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2022.

National Endowment of the Arts Artist Relief Grant, 2021.

Collectible Artist, Shreveport Regional Arts Council, 2019.

Ephraim Tyler Poet of the Year, Speak Poetry Fest, 2019.

Shreveport Regional Arts Council Artist Fellowship Theatre (Poetry), 2018, 2008.

Performance Winner, Shreveport Regional Arts Council Critical Mass 5, 2017.

Performance Artist in Residency, Nick Cave 'UNTIL' Exhibition, MASS MoCA, North Adams, Massachusetts, 2017.

Performance Artist in Residency, Nick Cave 'AS IS' Exhibition, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2016.

Young Men's Youth Initiative Award, Project Reclaim, Minden, Louisiana, 2012.

Scott Griffin Award, Community Foundation, 2010.

Bona-Fide Performance Award, Shreveport Regional Arts Council, 2009.

**Poetry Books**

*Poetic X 10* Vol. 2, Speak A Million Publishing, April, 2022.

*Poetic X 10* Vol. 1, Speak A Million Publishing, April, 2017.

**Poetry Albums**

*When Faith Begins To Flourish*, Jukebox 7 Records, Released 2011.

*From The Soil To The Surface*, Jukebox 7 Records, Released 2014.

*Xclamation The Art of Poetry*, Jukebox 7 Records, Released 2014.

*Sip Therapy* Speak Poetry Society, Jukebox 7 Records, Released 2024.

**Publications**

"When We Shake Hands," *Shreveport Times*, February, 2018.

"A Butterfly Away," *The Writers Club*, August, 2020.

"National Poetry Month Comes in the Morning,"

*Grey Thoughts*, April, 2019.

"Dream Anatomy," *Rock The Pigeon Blog*, September, 2020.

"Saturday Morning," *Mass MoCA Review*, August, 2017.

## **Commission Works**

"Love Shreveport", 2024.  
"Uneeda Artist", 2024.  
"American Battalion", 2023.  
"Across The Sea", 2023.  
"Honeybee", 2022.  
"Sunset Gallery", 2021.  
"Southern Hospitality", 2020.  
"Central Art Station", 2019.  
"On The Shoulders of Giants", 2018.  
"The Announcement" 2018.  
"When We Shake Hands", 2018.  
"As Is", 2017.  
"Artillery", 2016.  
"UNDisputed", 2016  
"Lights, Camera, Action", 2015

## **Poetry Performances**

Poem Presentation, 'Love Shreveport', Caddo Parish Commission, February Work Session, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2025.  
Feature Poet, Busboys and Poets Shirlington, Arlington, Virginia, June 2024.  
Opening Poem 'Love Shreveport', State of Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 2024.  
Speak Poetry Fest, Robinson Film Center, Shreveport, Louisiana, April, 2024, 2023.  
Feature Poet, Mount Canaan Baptist Church, Melodies of Our History Echoed through Rhythm and Song, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2024.  
Opening Poem UNNEEDA Artist Lofts Opening, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2023.  
Opening Poem Caddo Common Park Pavilion Opening, Sponsored by Shreveport Regional Arts Council, Shreveport, Louisiana 2023.  
Feature Poet, Let The Good Times Roll Festival, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2022.  
Feature Poet Marymount University, National Poetry Month sponsored by Student Activities Department, Arlington, Virginia, 2019.  
Feature Poet, Louisiana Start Up Prize, Slam Poetry and the Power of Branding, Hosted by Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2019.  
Feature Poet Clark Art Institute, National Poetry Month Event, Sponsored by Student Activities Department, Williamstown, Massachusetts, 2018.  
Opening Poem Louisiana Film Prize Festival, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2018-2013.  
Feature Poet Louisiana State University Shreveport, Spring Fest Sponsored by Student Activities Department, 2019, 2017.  
Feature Poet Red River Revel Arts Festival, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2023, 2019.  
Opening Poem Tank and the Bangas Shreveport House Concert Series, 2021.  
Feature Southern University Shreveport, Black History Convocation, Sponsored by Student Government Association, 2021, 2023.  
Feature Poet Centenary College, David Amram Spring Concert Series, Sponsored by Office of Student Involvement, 2021.

Opening Poem Municipal Auditorium, 2024, 2017.  
Feature Poet Theatre of Performing Arts, 30th Annual Yazzy Spring Mix, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2021.  
Feature Poet & Host, Highland Jazz Blues Festival, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2019.  
Feature Poet Southern Black Theatre Festival, Southern University Museum of Art, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2018.  
Feature Poet Louisiana State Museum, Celebrating 100 Years of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2019.  
Feature Poet, Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2018.  
Feature Poet, Rhythm and Rhymes, Alexander Museum of Art Alexander, Louisiana, 2018.  
Feature Poet Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center Houston, Texas, 2017.  
Feature Poet, JuJu Bag Cafe New Orleans, Louisiana, 2016.  
Feature Poet, Urban Grind Coffee House, Atlanta, Georgia, 2016.  
Feature Poet, Reconciliation Dinner Shreveport, Petroleum Club, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2016.  
Feature Poet, Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport (SUMAS), Black History Performing Arts Series, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2015.  
Feature Poet, Light Hill Baptist Church, A Celebration of Heritage through the Arts, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2015.  
Feature Poet, Passion, Poetry, and Purpose presents Grounded, Yoga House Houston, Houston, Texas, 2015.  
Feature Poetic, H.O.S.T. Highland, Poetry After Dark, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2015.  
Feature Poet, LSUS Noel Memorial Library, Poets and Writers Summit, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2014.  
Feature Poet, Spoken Sounds of Soul, BE100 Radio, Atlanta, Georgia, 2013.  
Feature Poet, Proud Residents Involved in Developing the Economy (PRIDE Awards), Sponsored by Shreveport Bossier Louisiana Other Side, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2012,2011.  
Feature Poet, Ebony and Harmony presents Past, Present and Future, Black History Special, Hosted by Channel KMSS TV 33, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2012.  
Feature Poet, 3rd Annual C.C. Antoine Black History Celebration, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2011.  
Feature Poet, Annual Youth Arts Summit, Southern Black Theatre Festival, Louisiana State Museum, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2011.  
Feature Poet, Faces of Poetry, UNSCENE, Downtown Shreveport, Louisiana, 2011.  
Feature Poet, Travel Alliance Partners (TAP), Hosted by Shreveport Bossier Tourist Bureau, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2010.  
Feature Poet, Kwanzaa Celebration, Pamoja Arts Society, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2010.  
Feature Poet, Critical Mass 2 Performance Exhibition, Artspace, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2009.  
Feature Poet, Just A Little Cafe, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2009

### **Additional Professional Poetry and Arts Related Experience**

Region 7 Poetry Out Loud Coach(NEA), Caddo Magnet High School, Shreveport, Louisiana, 2019-2025.  
Allendale Arts Yard Market Curator, 2022-2024.  
City of Shreveport Juneteenth Arts Committee, 2023,2022..

Poetry Instructor, Shreve Memorial Library, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.  
Region 7 Poetry Out Loud Judge(NEA), Louisiana State University, Shreveport, Louisiana,  
(2022, 2023, 2024, 2025).  
Kallenberg Artist Tower Literary and Performing Arts Judge, 2021, 2022, 2024.  
ArtBreak Poetry Out Loud Master Class Instructor, 2022, 2023, 2024.  
Shreveport Regional Arts Council Grants Committee, 2023, 2022.  
ArtBreak Festival Literary Panel Judge, 2021,2022,2023.  
Poetry Instructor, Renzi Arts Center, 2018, 2019.  
ArtBreak Poetry Activities Instructor, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.  
UNScene Performance Artist Manager, 2017, 2016.

### **Murals and Exhibitions**

'Put A Poem On It' Mural Project, 2022-2025.  
We Hear You Mural, Dedicated February, 2025.  
Love Shreveport Mural, Dedicated January, 2025.  
A Butterfly Away Mural, Dedicated December, 2024.  
Look Up Child Mural, Dedicated October, 2024.  
Gold Rush Mural, Dedicated September 2024.  
American Battalion Mural, Dedicated May, 2024.  
Keep Hope Alive Mural, Dedicated March 2024.  
Chimp Life Mural, Dedicated February 2024.  
Juneteenth Mural, Dedicated June, 2022.  
Long Live Louisiana Exhibition & Mural, Dedicated April, 2018.  
Central Art Station Mural, Dedicated August, 2018.  
Critical Mass Art Exhibition, Performance and Literary, October, 2018-2024.  
Photosynthesis Speaking Light Into Dark Matter, Exhibition, August, 2017.

### **Workshops and Events**

Versified Rated Poetry Documentary Showing and Poetry Reading, Curator and Host, 2024,  
2023.  
Speak Poetry Fest, Founder and Curator, 2018-2025.  
Versified Juneteenth Shreveport Documentary, Showing and Poetry Reading, Curator and Host,  
2024, 2023.  
Poetic Sundays in Caddo Common Park, Sponsored by NEA and Shreveport Regional Arts  
Council, 2020, 2021.  
Art and Commercialism Artist Talk, Workshop Sponsored by Shreveport Regional Arts Council,  
2023.  
Poetic Thursdays in Caddo Common Park, Sponsored by NEA and Shreveport Regional Arts  
Council, 2022, 2023.  
Teen Writing and Open Mic Workshop, Shreve Memorial Library, 2022, 2023, 2024.  
Etymology Almighty Seeing Eye Artist Talk, 2022.  
Flight School Fly Poetry Workshop, 2022, 2023, 2024.  
A Community of Poets, Sponsored by Shreveport Regional Arts Council, 2022  
Poetry To The Rescue Community Event, Sponsored by NEA Artist Relief Grant, 2022.

Building Poetry From Scratch, 2021, 2023, 2024.

Electrolytes Replenishing Sisterhood, Curator Host, 2016.

The Poets Corner, Curator and Host, 2014, 2015.

Poetic Tuesdays, Sponsored by Pamajo Cultural and Arts Society, Curator and Host, 2011, 2012.

Poetic Paradise, Sponsored by Shreveport Regional Arts Council, Curator and Host, 2008, 2009, 2010.

### **Media Links**

Poetic X LSUS Veterans Resource Center Mural

<https://www.lsus.edu/poetic-x-unveils-mural-in-veterans-resource-center-at-lsus>

Poetic X Shreveport Memorial Library Mural

<https://www.ksla.com/2024/09/13/artists-whitney-tates-poetic-x-collaborate-put-poem-it-mural-go-ld-rush-supports-autism-awareness/>

Poetic X North Caddo Elementary Mural

<https://www.arklatextoday12.com/2024/12/11/put-poem-it-mural-by-poetic-x-kslas-brittney-hazelt-on-be-revealed-north-caddo-high-school/>

Poetic X Poetry Interview Arklatex Artistry KSLA

<https://www.ksla.com/video/2024/03/31/caddo-parish-poet-laureate-poetic-x-explores-mysticism-poetry-helping-fix-human-psyche/>

Poetic X LPB Art Rocks Interview:

<https://youtu.be/5oYvFc-tDlw?si=NO8udJ2g7Y9Ire2y>

Poetic X Shreveport-Bossier; My City, My Community, My Home:

<https://youtu.be/KQfrcN3KbnE?si=2ia6bTX1BWuRXK8K>

