

Gill Sotu

Inspiration Through Poetic Entertainment



Event Host

Entertainer, Writer,
Teacher, Poet, Musician,
DJ, Workshop Leader

Gill Sotu engages people to become their truest and most inspired selves and take an active part in their local and global community. He shows us that our contribution to this world matters and we need to engage in the process.

Gill Sotu isn't strictly one thing.

He isn't strictly a poet, a musician, a writer, a DJ or host. Effortlessly combining the artistic elements of himself, Gill weaves poetry into musical performances and improvisational songs into hosting gigs. Ever present is a forceful undercurrent of soulful, comedic, thought-provoking passion that engages and inspires his audiences throughout California.

Today's modern advertising focuses on what you don't have enough of, he is the balance reminding people of what they do.

Recently, Gill has opened for Grammy-nominated legend Sheila E, partnered and performed with the San Diego Symphony, has been commissioned to create numerous poetry pieces for the United Way of San Diego and performed for TEDx San Diego in December 2013. The San Diego community continues to take notice of Gill's talent and charisma, as he's been featured on NBC 7's Art Pulse TV and was named the 2012 & 2013 San Diego Raw Performing Artist of the Year.

Amidst regular performances, Gill also conducts poetry workshops in schools across California and has facilitated poetry workshops within San Diego County's juvenile detention center for over 2 years. He finds the creativity and honesty expressed by these elementary through high school students to be an incredibly rewarding experience and reminder of the importance of speaking one's own truth.

Gill Sotu is a paradigm shifter whose audience feels that he's speaking to them individually, making a performance to hundreds seem more like an intimate dialogue between close friends. Charismatic and with an ability to adapt to any event, Gill quickly garners people's attention and doesn't let go until he says "thank you".

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What They Say

Selected as a stand out short play by Old Globe "Community Voices"

Hosted San Diego Symphony's "Your Song Your Story Showcase"

2012 San Diego Raw Performing Artist Of The Year

HBO's Brave New Voices Semi-Final Poetry Competition

Hosted The City of Oxnard's Juneteenth Celebration

Annual Host at: Fiesta Del Sol, Community Stage and San Diego Indie Fest

2012 Winner of San Diego Anti-Littering Spoken Word Competition

2008 Semi-Finalist at the National Poetry Slam

Hosted ACLU's Freedom Of Expression Showcase

2007 Grand Slam Los Angeles Poetry Champion

2006 Grand Slam Ventura County Poetry Champion

"There are poets and there are entertainers. I was incredibly blessed to have experienced both - in one person! Gill Sotu will not only have you hanging on his every word, but he'll also take you on an emotional journey that you won't want to end! If you have yet to experience one of his performances, go now. I promise you won't be disappointed!"

LaDonna Bond, Planning & Marketing Manager at Geico

"Gill Sotu is the consummate professional creative [...and] hit it out of the park today. It was the most inspiring performance in 4 years and 16 performances at Tedx San Diego."

Jack Abbott, Chief Instigator at Tedx San Diego, CEO at Intelligent Light Source

"Gill Sotu is fearless, his words cut straight into my heart and fire up my imagination. Recently during his performance someone turned to me and asked "did he write that?" I answered "indeed he did how lucky are we to have such an expressive gifted artist here in our own back yard".

Gregory Page, Acoustic San Diego Legend

"Gill Sotu is an extremely talented and charismatic individual who can create artistically across genres of writing, music, and spoken word. It was a pleasure to collaborate with him through the San Diego Symphony's "Your Song Your Story project". Anyone who collaborates him is sure to receive the highest level of commitment and artistry from him."

Leonor Xochitl Perez, San Diego Symphony Artistic Projects Manager

"Thank you Gill for sharing your extraordinary talent with all 300+ people in attendance. Your insightful words, music and performance has truly inspired a greater sense of community in all of us. You should open every conference out there!"

Bennett Peji, AIGA Y19 Design Conference Moderator, Principal at Bennett Peji Design

"I was blown away by Gill's performance for the United Way Of San Diego County and knew he'd be great for the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association's Annual Dinner. He was even better for us. I haven't stopped getting praise for how great he was to get people inspired while enjoying themselves. Gill is a truly gifted individual and I can't wait to have him perform again."

Omar Passons, President of San Diego County's African American Bar Association