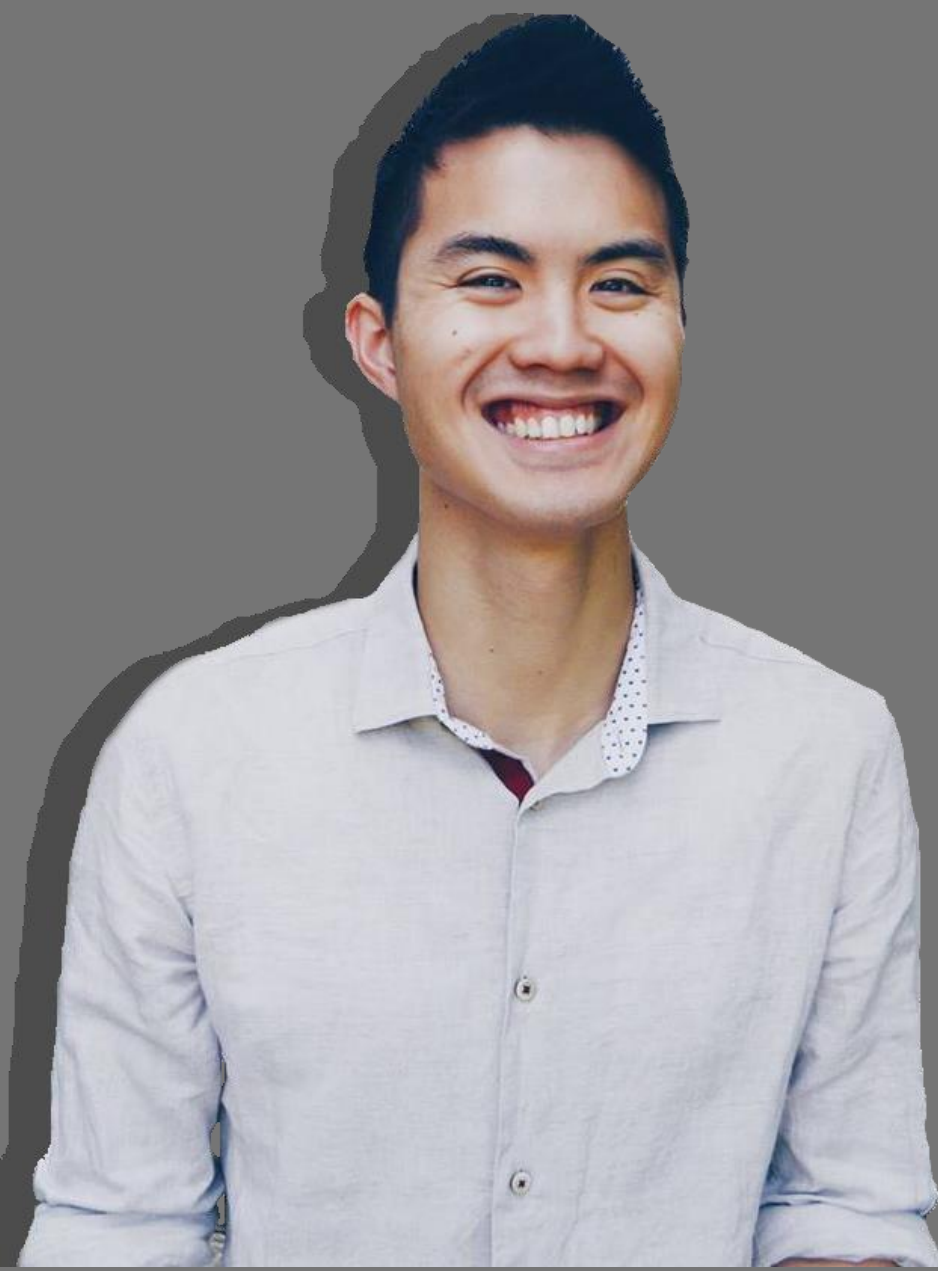


# JOSHUA NGUYEN

Poet | Emcee | Organizer | Performer



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# BIO

A photograph of a young man, Joshua Nguyen, performing on stage. He is wearing a white t-shirt, brown pants, glasses, and a watch. He is holding a microphone and has his hand near his face. The stage is lit with red and blue lights.

Joshua Nguyen began writing with the Meta-Four Houston Youth Slam Team from 2008-2012 and competed in Brave New Voices. He is an alumnus of the University of Texas at Austin and was part of the UT Spitshine slam team from 2014-2016. He placed #1 in the nation in 2014, won 'Best Writing as a Team' in 2015, and was the 2015 CUPSI Haiku Champ. In 2016, he traveled to Washington D.C. as a member of Future Corp to organize the *2016 Brave New Voices International Poetry Festival*. He has been published in *Freezeray Poetry* and on *Button Poetry*. He opened for Talib Kweli, Rasika Mathur, Sarah Kay, Sam Sax, and Hanif Willis-Abdurraqib. He is a tapioca connoisseur and plays an aggressive-tight strategy in poker.



# TESTIMONIES

Joshua Nguyen is an astoundingly compelling & compassionate performer & educator. His poems speaks to a heart well beyond his years & an energy & passion we can learn & grown from. – **Sam Sax**, *winner of The National Poetry Series selected by Terrance Hayes and winner of the 2016 Iowa Review*

Joshua Nguyen's strengths are twofold: he is impossibly, admirably dedicated to artistic growth; and he is learning via practice how to be vulnerable. Though he doesn't always know it, his willingness to lay it all bare - the sacrifices, insecurities, horror stories which made surviving necessary - is what drives his most memorable performances. His commitment to revision makes his poems airtight. His willingness to let you in makes his performances take flight. – **Ariana Brown**, *recipient of the Andrew Julius Gutow Academy of American Poets Prize*

Joshua is filled with the most special kind of light, evoking ancestry, spirituality, and humor in one breath. He reminds us what it means to be honest about the self, to work hard at being both brave and kind. One time I heard him curse in a poem, so now I can die happy. – **Arati Warriar**, *2014 collegiate national poetry champion*

Joshua Nguyen's poetry is like a gentle wave that slowly swells to swallow you whole. He is forceful in a subtle simplicity. His examination of culture, relationships, and environment cause audiences to question and praise their own identities and place in the world. – **Deborah “Deep” Mouton**, *formerly ranked the #2 Best Female Poet in the World*

There are storms that don't match the performance weight that Joshua Nguyen brings to the stage every time. – **Outspoken Bean**, *2011 Texas Poet Laureate nominee*



**Mecca Verdell**

October 18 at 8:44am · 🌐

now i want more Boba tea because of **Joshua Nguyen!!!!**



# AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

**#1 National Poetry Slam Champion - College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational (CUPSI) | 2014**

**Nominated 'Best of the Net' for my poem, *Spoiler Alert (My Reaction to "The Walking Dead", Season 6, Episode 3)*, on [Freezeraypoetry.com](http://Freezeraypoetry.com) | 2016**

**Selected for the "Do You Hear Us?" Video Shoot for the *National Education Association* | 2016**

**Judge for Houston Youth Poet Laureate | 2016**

**Best Writing by a Team & Haiku Champion (CUPSI) | 2015**

**Over 100k Views on Youtube**

**Opened for/performed with:**

Sarah Kay, Sam Sax, Ariana Brown, Hanif Willis-Abdurraqib, Talib Kweli, Rasika Mathur, Adam Hamze, The Fluent One, Arati Warriar, Lacey Roop, DEEP, Jasmine Bell, Loyce Gayo, Jordan Simpson, Digh, Zachary Caballero, Jeremy Eugene, & Outspoken Bean

