

# ÀJA



**AJApoet is a World Music & Jazz poet and musician from Brooklyn, New York. AJA blends Jazz and R&B with various Caribbean rhythms - including Reggae and Calypso, to create a unique sound. This provides the platform for him to deliver his thought-provoking and engaging poetry. AJA has taken performance poetry to the international World Music, Jazz and Poetry Festivals stages; and his works have also been internationally published.**

**A feature of AJA is his intensity on stage. His work is captivating with heart-wrenching imagery that is engaging - “edutainment”. From his emergence as a poet, AJA has focused on global issues such as war, hunger and the abuse of women and children. But in 2003 he decided to do more and transformed his poems from the stage and the page into practical initiatives in Barbados, other Caribbean territories as well as in Sierra Leone, West Africa.**

**In 2003 he was made a UNDP Spokesperson on Peace and Poverty Eradication for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. He is also a UNWomen Caribbean Partner for Peace; and a member of the UN Secretary-General's Network of Men Leaders - promoting and mobilising activities for the “UNiTE: End Violence against Women” Campaign.**

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