

PRISCILLE BUKASA

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Spoken Word Artist, Writer, Teaching Artist

Summary

Calgary-based spoken word artist, writer, and teaching artist with over 15 years of performance and facilitation experience. My work bridges poetry, education, and community engagement, with a strong focus on equity, social change, and storytelling. I perform on stages ranging from concert halls and festivals to classrooms and community spaces, and regularly collaborate with arts institutions to develop impactful artistic programming. My artistic practice centers voice, cultural identity, and community dialogue, using spoken word as a tool for connection, empowerment, and transformation.

Artistic and Cultural Work Presented to the Public (Performances)

2025 Heritage Park Sneak Peek at the Oscar Show, Performer, Calgary, AB

2024 Chinook Blast, Performer, Calgary, AB

2024 Dinner and Dialogue Series, Aisinna'kiiks, Performer, Calgary, AB

2023 *Catharsis* Film Screen Debut, Performer, Calgary, AB

2023 Black Donor Saves Lives, Performer, Calgary, AB

2022 One Big Jam Vignettes, Featured Artist, Calgary, AB

2022 *It's Not That Deep* film Screen Debut, Performer, Calgary, AB

2022 Crescent Moon Festival, Performer, Calgary, AB

2021–2024 Ethnik Festival of Arts and Culture, Performer, Calgary, AB

2020 Woezo Africa Cultural Festival, Performer, Calgary, AB

2020 Block Heater Festival, Performer, Calgary, AB

2019 ICC 6 Degrees Conference, Artist Performer, Calgary, AB

2018 Soul in the City, Artist Performer, Calgary, AB

2015 Say Word, Featured Poet, Calgary, AB

2011 True Lounge Spoken Word Open Mic, Featured Poet, Calgary, AB

Commissions, Projects, and Tours

2026–2027 Oscar School Tour, Touring 32 schools across Alberta

2025 Commissioned Artist as Listener for Municipal Election, Calgary On Purpose, Calgary, AB

2025 Oscar, Co-writer and Narrator, commissioned by Honens, premiered October 23 at Jack Singer Concert Hall, Calgary, AB

2025-Present Spoken Word Album, In development

Teaching, Facilitation, Mentorship and Cultural Work

2026-Present Festival Coordinator, Arts ReImagined, Calgary, AB

2023-2025 Teaching Artist, Arts ReImagined, Calgary, AB

2022-Present Arts Facilitator, Arts Commons Arts Education Program, Calgary, AB

2025 Instructor, Ethnik Learning Empowerment Program, Calgary, AB

2024 Co-facilitator, International Teaching Artist Conference, Auckland, New Zealand

2024 Cultural Facilitator, Art for Social Change Learning Lab Series, Calgary, AB

2021 Program Coordinator, Black Arts Development Program, Woezo Africa, Calgary, AB

2021-2022 TD Incubator Program at Arts Commons, Calgary, AB

2019-Present Spoken Word Teaching Artist, workshops in schools, universities, and community spaces, Calgary and area

Leadership, Service, and Community Engagement

2025-Present Volunteer, Calgary On Purpose, Calgary, AB

2023-2024 Planning Committee Member, Living a Creative Life Congress, Calgary, AB

2020-2024 Member, Cultural Instigator Program, Calgary, AB

2020-2022 Cultural Instigator, Bringing Power to Truth, Calgary, AB

Artist Talks, Panels, and Presentations

2025 Panelist, Arts ReImagined Summit, Calgary, AB

2024 Panelist, Beyond a Token Black History Month Event, Calgary, AB

2023 Living a Creative Life Congress Learning Lab Presenter, Calgary, AB

Awards, Grants, and Recognition

2024 Shortlisted, League of Canadian Poets Spoken Word Award

2024 Shortlisted, Calgary Poet Laureate

2021 Microgrant Recipient, Calgary Arts Development

2016 ATB Listen Grant Recipient

2016 Marcus Garvey Youth Leadership Recognition, Arts and Culture