

J'miah Nabawi



J'miah Nabawi is a professional and multi-faceted performance-storyteller who has often served as a cultural ambassador and program host for children's causes and community events. He has shared his brand of storytelling across the U.S. and Mexico, in schools, museums, colleges and universities.

J'miah's traditional arts programming reflects the story-dance-musical storytelling drama of Africa and its diaspora. His upbringing in a household of family dancers and improvisational music practitioners is the major influences on his style and work.

J'miah is fluent in Spanish and many other languages. He enjoys telling folktales and stories from around the world. His singing, chants and voice talent in several languages is his way of saying to those in his audience who speak other languages, "Thank you for joining me. I appreciate you. Your languages, heritage, traditions and culture are also important and as equally as valid as mine and the English we live in."

J'miah's influences have been embellished with music studies at the Berklee College of Music, an apprenticeship with world-renown Ghanaian ethnomusicologist Dr. Kwesi Aduonum, teaching artist/arts integration training from Dr. Richard Benjamin (Pioneer RESA, School Transformation: Character Through The Arts) and the late Susan Hanson (The Leonard Bernstein Center for Learning, Gettysburg College) and the Kennedy Center's Artists as Educators seminar. He is a recipient of the National Storytelling Network 2006 ORACLE Award for Leadership and Service in the Southeast Region.

"The students at Jasper Elementary love J'miah. (The teachers at our school find him to be a full partner in curricular planning and implementation of lessons and units.) J'miah can tell stories, write and direct plays that are performed school-wide, teach small groups and make children laugh and smile. If he had a cape, he could fly . . . at least the children think so." — Dr. Kathleen Thompson, Retired Arts Educator/Director of Cultural Projects

Booking: The Elijah Agency, elijahagency@aol.com or 912-713-7272

Fees: Performances/Demonstrations: All fees are negotiable and will include lodging, per diem and mileage.
Community/Educational Outreach: No extra cost- outreach programs are included in the total cost.

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