



# LADY J

Author, Spoken Word Artist, Singer, Event Promoter/Host

## PROFILE

I am a Poet, Author, Performer and Co-Host of one of the longest running, and spiritually uplifting Open Mic events, "SpokenWordSoul" in Cincinnati, Ohio. Known as "Lady J" in the poet community, I have performed in cover bands and stage plays; acted on the small screen in a variety of local television series and movies and fronted my namesake band, Shades of J for several years. I now step onto my next life's stage as author, "Libra." Shades of J is also the umbrella under which "Lady J" performs as a Poet and now, as Libra the Author... but my mama named me, Janine Nash!

My performances have been described as "unique & soul stirring", a "quiet revolution." I make a sincere and intimate connection with the audience as though they were kickin' it with me in my living room.

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## DO WHAT I LOVE LOVE WHAT I DO!

Author, Poet, Spoken Word Artist,  
Event Promoter, Host/MC, Singer,  
Actor

## EXPERIENCE – MUSIC, AUTHOR, POET, HOST

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**Libra, Author of "The Trouble with Socks"**  
2020

**Shades of J, Co-Founder and Lead Vocalist**  
2006 – Present

### **Original Music/Poetry Band**

- Writer, Vocals on CD, Shades of J
- Percussion
- Booking

**The Groove Society, Lead and Background Vocalist**  
2004 – 2015

### **Original and Cover Band**

**SpokenWordSoul, Co- Founder, Producer, Event Host and Performer**  
2006 – Present

### **Open Mic Poetry and Music Event**

- Stage Manager
- Marketing/Advertising
- Talent Booking
- Set Design

**The Village Walk, Founder, Producer, Event Host and Performer**  
2010 – 2011

### **Philanthropic Open Mic Poetry and Music Event**

- Stage Manager
- Marketing/Advertising
- Talent Booking
- Set Design

**Sistahs with Mics, Founder, Producer, Event Host and Performer**  
2010

### **Open Mic and Discussion Event**

- Stage Manager
- Marketing/Advertising
- Talent Booking
- Set Design

**Poetry & Pinot, Co-Founder, Producer, Event Host and Performer**  
2009 – 2010

### **Open Mic/Live Music**

- Talent Booking/Coordinator
- Marketing/Advertising

### **Soulful Garden, Co-Founder, Event Host and Performer**

2009

#### **Open Mic Poetry and Music Event**

- Co-Founder
- Marketing/Advertising
- Talent Booking

### **Tickle Me Saturdays, Event Host and Performer**

2008

#### **Monthly comedy/poetry event featuring HBO Def Comics and Poets**

- Marketing/Advertising
- Talent Booking

## **EXPERIENCE – PLAYS & ACTING**

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### **Coochie Chronicles, Poet Performer**

**Stage Play produced by Rewop, Jennie Wright (Black Buddhafly), and Desirae Hosley (Silent Poet)**

### **RozMary Basement Productions, Actor**

- O.T.R. (2009)
- Purple Haze (2011)
- The Spot (2011)

## **OPENING ACT/PERFORMED AND/OR WROTE WITH**

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- Abyss, HBO Def Poet (Shades of J opened for/performed with)
- Avant (Shades of J opened for)
- Bloodstone (Groove Society opened for)
- Bootsy Collins (Shades of J opened for)
- Case (Shades of J opened for)
- Conya Doss (Background vocalist with Shaunte Hunt opened for)
- Howard Hewitt (Groove Society opened for)
- Jagged Edge (Shades of J opened for)
- Joe Torry (Shades of J opened for)
- KC & Jo Jo (Groove Society opened for)
- Kirk Whalum (Shades of J opened for)
- Pamela Williams, The Saxtress (Groove Society opened for)
- Rayse Biggs, Kem (Shades of J opened for and performed with)
- Sheldon Reynolds, Earth, Wind & Fire (Lady J Songwriter with)
- Slave (Groove Society opened for)
- Stokely Williams (Mint Condition) (Shades of J opened for)
- Toni, Tony, Tone (Shades of J opened for)
- War (Groove Society opened for)

## **SPECIAL MENTIONS**

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- Lady J's Debut CD, "Shades of J" and performances earned a nomination for Cincinnati City Beat CEA Award – 2007 & 2008

## **EDUCATION**

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### **Brown Mackie College**

2006 - 2008

#### **Audio Video Production**

\*Member of the National Honor Society – GPA 4.0

- **Production Management** – Script breakdown, scheduling, budgeting and shot logs
- **Introduction to Production** – Camera setup and operation, gripping, signal flow
- **Lighting** – Grid and Studio
- **Equipment Operation** – Audio, Video and Lighting