

# SHAUN BOOTHE

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Shaun Boothe is an award winning hip hop artist, **TEDx** speaker and creator of **'The Unauthorized Biography Series'**.

The Unauthorized Biography Series is a critically acclaimed musical project that celebrates the world's greatest cultural icons through biographical rap songs – *Repackaging History through Hip Hop*.

Each chapter of the series captures the legacy of an influential iconic figure in a documentary-style music video. Icons featured in the series include **Bob Marley, Muhammad Ali, MLK Jr./Obama, Bruce Lee, Oprah, Tupac, Terry Fox, Nelson Mandela** and more. Getting blog love from Kanye West and tweets from Diddy himself – Boothe's sixth icon in his series – it's clear that he's getting the attention of the right people.

In an industry where your live show can make you or break you, Shaun Boothe is renowned for his conceptual and highly interactive performances – many of which have graced the opening stages of concerts for multi-platinum artists, including **Nas, Lauryn Hill, Talib Kweli, and Snoop Dogg**.

Building on the success of the Bio Series, Shaun's striking skills as an orator have helped him to break new grounds as a lecturer across campuses nationwide. His highly entertaining **Live Your Legacy** Speaker Series uses his bio videos to embark on a performance/lecture style journey discussing issues of identity/diversity, character, media, life skills, and the importance of living a legacy.

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## Accomplishments

- **TEDx** speaker (May, 2014)
- Keynote speaker at **Queens School of Business** Innovation Summit (March, 2014)
- Nia Centre for the Arts Facilitation Development Certificate (October, 2013)
- Nominated for COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities) Lecture/Variety Artist of the Year Award (2013)
- Video 'Child Soldier' screened at University of Toronto for Amnesty International's "Films For Change" series (March, 2013)
- Co-Hosted **Much Music's RapCity** for a Black History Month 'Bio Series' special (February 19th, 2013)
- Closing speaker at **Upper Canada College's** 30th Annual World Affairs Conference (2013).
- Closing speaker at the Crestwood Human Rights and Tolerance Symposium (2012).
- Video for 'Let Me Go' nominated for **2012 MMVA**
- Developed and toured educational hip-hop musical **The Barbershop Show**, reaching over 30,000 students nationwide and sponsored by **Amnesty International**
- Mixtape 'Waiting Room' nominated for Stylus 2012 Artist Mixtape of the Year
- Single 'Let Me Go' feat. Lykke Li nominated for Stylus 2012 video of the Year
- Selected to showcase at Midem, February 2012 (Cannes, France)
- Opened for **Nas & Lauren Hill** at Rock The Bells, Molson Amphitheatre (Sept 8th, 2011)
- Song "The Good Life" featured in nationwide Bud Light Port Paradise Cruise commercial. (TV & Radio, Summer 2011)
- Hosted **MuchMusic's RapCity** (April 2011)
- Released single "Concepts" featuring legendary New York hip-hop artist **Talib Kweli**
- "Poor Boy" single nominated for Best Rap Single of the Year at the **2010 Stylus DJ Awards**
- Toured across Canada alongside **Talib Kweli + Hi-Tek (Reflection Eternal)** June, 2010
- Toured across Canada headlining his own Hip Hop in 3D Tour February, 2010
- Creator of the internationally-acclaimed 'Unauthorized Biography Series', praised by industry heavyweights such as **Sean 'Diddy' Combs, Kanye West** and **Swizz Beats**
- Toured across Canada alongside **Kardinal Offishall** February, 2009
- Won National Yahoo! Upyours Music Video Competition, winning \$35,000 in cash and prizes (May 2007)
- Won the fiercely-coveted, nationwide **MuchMusic Temp Competition**, received \$25,000 towards a car & \$5,000 spending money
- Won nationwide "My Block" competition put on by Def Jam/Universal where his song "One By One" was featured on 500 pieces of vinyl distributed across Canada by Universal Music
- Single "One by One" was nominated for Best Rap Recording at the **UMAC Awards**
- Video for the song "One by One" peaked at **#1 on MuchVIBE** and charted in the top 30 on all the commercial radio stations across Canada