

Gha'il Rhodes Benjamin is an award winning spoken-word performance-recording artist, actress, self-empowerment speaker and educator . Gha'il's performance-artistry was most recently featured in The Appel room of Jazz at Lincoln center in collaboration with Senakwami's Studio , with pianist Julius Rodiriguez and his band. For the third year in a row Gha'il rocked the house as host and performer in the 18th annual Fort Greene Juneteenth Arts Festival Celebration in Cuyler Gore Park. Ms. Benjamin's collaboration with Jeff Haynes on the CD titled *Storm King* with the late great Pete Seeger was Grammy nominated and also the winner of The Audio book of the Year Award, (Publishers Weekly), The Nappa Silver Award and The Audio Files Earphone Award. As an educator Ms. Benjamin coaches and facilitates an array of workshops (creative writing, acting , etiquette and self-empowerment) : encouraging participants of all ages to speak their truths forward with boldness. She also performs regularly with the Linyak Project Poets. The lyrics and vocals of her poemologue "She got burned" was featured in a Broadcast Award winning PSA promoting Domestic Violence Awareness..(produced by Ann Trip (WBLS) and Safe Horizons). Gha'il is also the featured performance artist in filmmaker Al Santana's *REPARATION BLUES*, and also appears in filmmaker China Colston's *DARK SEED* and *SWEET THANG*. Via her own production company Talking Poems and Storytelling Production's , she continues to create customized poetry for any occasion, as her CD *Spiritual Eclipse/Sacred moments on a string of words* continues to inspire, encourage and uplift audiences throughout the USA and abroad.

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