

JIIKO TOWNSEND

FOUNDER, CEO

Founder & Artistic Director • Playwright • Educator

- Founder & Artistic Director: Selah City Urban Theatre, Washington, DC
- Creative Works:
 - Written and produced seven musicals (three for children, four professionally staged adult productions)
 - Signature style blends R&B, Gospel, Hip Hop, Go-Go, Pop, Doo Wop, and more
- Vision & Impact: Uses theatre and media as a vehicle for social change, unity, and empowerment
- Early Inspiration:
 - International travel exposed her to global oppression, sparking her drive for justice
 - First full-length production, Reclaiming Glory, was born while co-founding a student group for students of color in Munich, Germany
- Education & Training:
 - B.A. in Film, Howard University (School of Fine Arts – Theatre track)
 - Political Science studies, University of Maryland, European Division (Munich)
- Professional Voice: Known for an audacious approach to political and social issues, balanced with humor, intimacy, and electrifying musical numbers
- Educator & Leader:
 - 20+ years as an arts educator
 - Currently trains and supports educators, students, youth, and professionals through drama