

## DEBRIS STEVENSON

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### EDUCATION

**Distinction, MA in Creative Writing**, Loughborough University 2011-2012

**First Class Hons, BA Creative and Professional Writing**, The University of Nottingham, 2011

### COMMISSIONS AND PERFORMANCES



- **Poet in da Corner**, Writer/Performer of show/album/book funding by ACE (£14k Gfta) and produced by Royal Court, Nottingham Playhouse and Curve Leicester, 2016 – Present
- **Psi Caribbean Trinidad Tour**, wrote and performed a song at 10 schools across Trinidad on the theme of Gender Based Violence, Jan 2017
- **Rosalind, James Cousins Dance Co.** rap and audio for a dance theatre show Jan 2017
- **Dirtee Verse**, Roundhouse & Apples and Snakes 2016
- **1xtra Live Lounge, Words First**, commission and performance collaboration with Lady Leshurr for Trevor Nelsons' breakfast show, Aug 2015
- **Breakthrough Artist**, Curve Theatre Leicester 2014 – Present
- **Natalie Duncan and Friends**, Musical collaboration for by Farmyard Records, Nov 2014
- **Architects of our Republic, Apples and Snakes**, a poem for film in honour of the bicentenary of the "I Have a Dream" speech. Jun – Sept 2013
- **Roots and Routes**, performer and writer, Cologne, Germany, May – Oct 2011
- **BBC Radio 3, The Verb, Writers Centre Norwich**, Apr – Oct 2011
- **Some other performances include:** Nuyorican Poets Café NY, Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA), The Green Mill IL, Busboys and Poets DC, Amazink SA, The World Freerunning Championships, Oxford University, Zagreb National Theatre, Latitude, Glastonbury and Bestival
- **Dance Performances include:** Autumn tour with The Heatwave 2016 (Brighton, London, Notting Hill Carnival, Manchester and Bristol) and Kurrup FM at Brixton o2 Academy 2016

### PUBLICATIONS

- **"i. Cecil Park – High as the swings ii. Dutch Pot Dancing"** The University of Arkansas Press, *The Golden Shovel Anthology*, Jan 2017
- **"Dutchpot Dancing"** Eyewear, *The Best New British and Irish Poets 2016*, March 2016
- **"Stopping"** Magma Poetry, *Magma 62 Violence*, July 2015
- **"Pigeon Party"** Flap Pamphlet Series, Flipped Eye Publishing Ltd. May 2014

- **“Cecil Park: High as the Swings”** Holland Park Press, Winner of *What’s Your History Competition*, Feb 2013
- **“Power Dynamic of Slags and Virgins in East London”** JayBird, WEYA Postcard series, Sept 2012
- **“Poetry and Performance in Education and Community: a UK/US Comparison”** *Writing in Education*, NAWA, Issue Number 57, Summer 2012
- **“When the Lion Fell for a Springbok”** *North #12*, Oxford University Poetry Society, May 2011
- **“The Arboretum”** *Out of the Fire*, Jubilee Press, June 2011
- **“Love Poem”** *Left Lion Magazine*, Issue 39, Feb 2011
- **“A Raves Romance”** *Paradise by Night*, Booth-Clibborn Editions (with Louis Vuitton), Jan 2011

### TEACHING, COORDINATION AND RESEARCH

- **Lead & Co-Facilitator, Talking Doorsteps Trinidad, Roundhouse & British Council**, poetry film and performance project exploring home in Trinidad, The Lebanon and London 2014 – Present
- **Lead Facilitator, #Interverse, British Council South Africa**, Lead Facilitator creating an exchange between groups in Cape Town and Nottingham. Feb 2016 – Present
- **Co-Leader, Roundhouse Poetry Collective**, Oct 2014 - Present
- **Poetry Producer at Staatstheater Braunschweig**, developing a poetry collective and EU poetry exchange of 44 poets, Germany. April 2013 – July 2016
- **Director and Founder, The Mouthy Poets**, Nottingham Playhouse, Oct 2010 – August 2016
  - GftA, ACE Funding 2012-2017, £30k, £88k, £165k // EU Erasmus+ Funding €65k
- **Professional Tutor, Creative & Professional Writing BA**, University of Nottingham, 2011 – 2014
- **Writer in Residence, Writing East Midlands**, Arnold Primary Schools, Sept – May 2013
- **Project Leader, World Event Young Artist**, Nottingham, Aug – Sept 2012
- **East Midlands Slam Producer, Shake the Dust**, Nottingham, Oct 2011 – July 2012

### AWARDS

- **Jerwood/Arvon Mentoring Scheme** 2014 – 2015
- **London Laureate**, one shortlisted 6 for the London Young Poet Laureate Scheme, 2014
- **Nottinghamshire Roosevelt Travel Scholarship**, USA, Dec 2011 – Jan, 2012
- **Creative Leader Delegate for The British Council**, CHINA 400, Sept 2009
- **Documentary participant, Channel4 YearDot**, So Television, 2007 – 2009