

INUA M. M. ELLAMS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: 23/10/1984 Nationality: British & Nigerian Residence: United Kingdom.

PRIZES, AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

- 2020. The Actual / Long listed for Derek Walcott Poetry Prize
- 2020. Hay Medal for Poetry.
- 2019. Magma Poetry Prize.
- 2018. Barber Shop Chronicles / Shortlisted for The writers Guild Award.
- 2018. Winchester Poetry Prize.
- 2017. Liberty Human Rights Arts Award for An Evening With An Immigrant.
- 2017. Barber Shop Chronicles / Shortlisted for Alfred Fagan Award.
- 2015. Shame Is The Cape I Wear / Forward Prize Commendation.
- 2015. 3 x Shortlisted for the Brunel Prize for African Poetry.
- 2014. Live Canon International Poetry Prize.
- 2009. Edinburgh Fringe First.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Born in Nigeria, Inua Ellams is a poet, playwright & performer, graphic artist & designer, and curator. He is a Complete Works poet alumni and facilitates workshops in creative writing where he explores reoccurring themes in his work - Identity, Displacement and Destiny - in accessible, enjoyable ways for participants of all ages and backgrounds.

His work has been commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company, National Theatre, Tate Modern, Louis Vuitton, Film 4, BBC Radio & Television and more.

He founded and curates: THE MIDNIGHT RUN - an arts-filled, night-time, urban walking experience - THE R.A.P PARTY - (Rhythm And Poetry) - which celebrates Poetry & HipHop, POETRY + FILM / HACK (P+F/H) - which celebrates Poetry & Film, REEL MIX - which explore interpretation in filmmaking - and several other live event and literary initiatives. In 2022, he founded 05Fest, a festival which draws together all of his events.

He is a member of the Royal Society of Literature and the Royal Society of Arts, and board member of the Poetry In Translation Centre, and Complicité Theatre.

THEATRE

- **Sep 2022** - Antigone, Regents Park Theatre, London, UK.
- **Feb 2021** - Borders and Crossings, Under the Radar Festival. New York. USA.
- **Dec 2019** - Little Prince, Stratford Circus, London England.
- **Dec 2019** - Three Sisters, National Theatre, London England.
- **Nov 2019** - My White Best Friend. Bunker Theatre. London.
- **April 2019** - The Half God of Rainfall, Birmingham REP, Birmingham, & Kiln Theatre, London England.
- **June 2017** - Barber Shop Chronicles. National Theatre, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Roundhouse and International tour.
- **Feb 2017** - The Odyssey. BBC Radio 4.
- **Jul 2016** - An Evening with an Immigrant. Soho Theatre, Bridge Theatre, England. National and International tours.
- **April 2016** - The Breakaway. Royal Court. London. England.
- **Jul 2015** - The Spalding Suite. Southbank Centre. London. England.
- **Jul 2015** - Turned. Metta Theatre. England.
- **Jul 2014** - Marsh Orchids and Concrete. China Plate Theatre. England.
- **Jul 2013** - Wild Blood. BBC Radio.
- **Oct 2013** - Cape. Synergy Theatre. Unicorn. London. England.
- **Oct 2013** - Mostly Like Blue. Islington Community Theatre. London. England.
- **June 2012** - Black T-Shirt Collection. Warwick Arts Centre. National Theatre. England. National and International Tour.
- **June 2012** - Knight Watch. The Albany. England. National Tour.
- **June 2011** - The Ballad of Abdul Hafiz. BBC Radio.
- **Sept 2010** - Untitled. Soho Theatre. London. England.
- **Aug 2009** - The 14th Tale. Battersea Arts Centre. London. England.

SCREENWRITING

- **Sept 2022** - Wet Smoke. Miramax.
- **June 2022** - We Met On A Dance Floor. The Abbey.
- **Feb 2021** - FELA. Creator. Mark Gordon Pictures.
- **Apr 2020** - Black T-Shirt Collection. Creator. Working Title.
- **Apr 2020** - Barber Sop Chronicles. Creator. Now Pictures.
- **May 2020** - Dr Who. Contributing Writer. BBC, TV Series.
- **August 2019** - Lady Parts. Contributing Writer. Working Title, Ch4.
- **July 2019** - Hillbilly. Creator. Swipe Slow.

POETRY

- **Oct 2020** - The Actual, Penned in The Margins.

- **April 2019** - The Half God of Rainfall. 4th Estate.
- **April 2017** - #Afterhours, Nine Arches.
- **April 2015** - The Wire Headed Heathen. Akashic Books.
- **Nov 2011** - Candy Coated Unicorns and Converse All Stars. Flipped Eye
- **Oct 2005** - Thirteen Fairy Negro Tales. Flipped Eye.

KEY POETRY PERFORMANCES

- **March 2019** - Royal Academy. London. England.
- **Oct 2018** - Royal Society Of Literature. National Portrait Gallery. London. England.
- **Oct 2018** - Lagos Poetry Festival. Muson Centre. Lagos. Nigeria.
- **April 2018** - Things Fall Apart. South Bank Centre. London.
- **Sept 2017** - An Evening with an Immigrant. Sydney Opera House. Sydney. Australia.
- **Sep 2016** - St Paul's Cathedral. London. USA.
- **June 2016** - BBC Focus on Africa. London. England
- **April 2014** - Nuyorican Poetry Cafe. New York. USA.
- **October 2013** - Libya Book Fair. Tripoli. Libya.
- **Sep 2013** - Nelson Mandela Tribute. Southbank Centre. London. England
- **Dec 2012** - Writer/Performer, TEDx Euston. London. England
- **July 2012** - Babaa Mal, Southbank Centre, London. England
- **January 2011** - John Keats' House, London. England
- **Feb 2010** - Tate Modern. London. England
- **April 2008** - Museum of London, London. England
- **May 2007** - Generation Txt 20 date - England. National Tour.
- **Nov 2006** - Morgan Stanley, Canary Warf, London. England
- **October 2005** - Bringing the House Down, Albany, London. England

REFERENCES

- Kate McGrath - Co-Director, Fuel Theatre Limited - kate@fueltheatre.com
- Nii Ayikwei Parkes - Chief Editor, Flipped Eye Publishing - nii.parkes@flippedeye.net