

Dasan Ahanu

STRATEGIST AND CONSULTANT



Professional Education

Executive Program in Arts Strategies
University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy
and Practice & National Arts Strategies (NAS)

Master of Liberal Studies in Arts & Culture
(concentration in Creative Writing)
University of Denver

Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management
Saint Augustine's College

Notable Honors, Awards, & Publications

- 2021 Development Fund Award Winner, National Performance Network
- 2020 Documentatitn & Storytelling Fund Award Winner, National Performance Network
- 2019 Creation Fund Award Winner, National Performance Network
- 2019 NC Governor's Black History Month Honoree, African American Musicians and Artists
- Alumni Nasir Jones Fellow with Harvard University's Hip Hop Archive and Research Institute at the Hutchin's Center for African & African American Research
- "Why 9th Wonder Stayed" Oxford American's Southern Music Issue: North Carolina. Oxford American (Winter 2018)
- "Bad Boy Records," "Cypher," "Organized Konfusion," "YO! MTV Raps" *St James Encyclopedia of Hip Hop Culture*, edited by Thomas Riggs Gale, a Cengage Company (2018)

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Durham Literacy Center

DEVELOPER / FACILITATOR

Writing Workshops

Developed workshops and assisted with programming.

NC Center for Advancement in Teaching

TRAINER

Hip Hop & Pop Culture

Presented workshops and classes to enhance teacher understanding and capacity to teach students about the influence of hip hop and pop culture.

NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV)

DEVELOPER / FACILITATOR

Domestic Violence Advocate

Facilitated workshops and delivered various presentations for the Annual NCCADV Conference. Developed art based activities included in a trauma informed toolkit for domestic violence advocates .

Community in Schools: North Carolina

FACILITATOR / COORDINATOR

Workshops & Trainings

Worked hand in hand, statewide, on coordination of workshops with affiliates. Presented workshops and training facilitation at their annual conference.

North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA)

CO-CURATOR / DEVELOPER / FACILITATOR

Youth + College Programming

Helped curate programming and facilitate workshops for YAI attendees. Provided support for the HBCU consortium by assisting with developing training and educational tools. Conducted trainings with NCCASA partners.

UMASS Boston & Boston Public Library

CONSULTANT

Hip Hop Archive

Worked hand in hand with curators of the Boston Hip Hop Special Collection and Mass Hip Hop Archive. Participated in the planning of NEH grant funded programming and activities.

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ARTS BASED STRATEGIST AND CONSULTANT

Duke University Women's Center & North Carolina Central University Women's Center

DEVELOPER / FACILITATOR

Campus Programming

Developed and coordinated programming and facilitated workshops.

2 Beat HIV Initiative

CONSULTANT / FACILITATOR

Community Outreach

Coordinated and facilitated educational activities, coordinated the creation of a theme song for the initiative, coordinated performances, and participated on speaking panels.

Beats and Bars Festival

CONSULTANT

Fresh Effect Conference

Supported and contributed to festival curation. Led panels at the festival. Director of the Fresh Effect Conference at the festival.

Hayti Heritage Center

CREATIVE CONSULTANT & ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Events & Programs

Worked with St. Joseph's Historic Foundation staff to develop programs, workshops, events and educational programs. Assisted in grant writing and fundraising.

National Folk Festival

COORDINATOR

Hear My Words Stage

Coordinated and curated performances for the Hear My Words Stage at the festival. Assisted in helping festival organizers identify artists to perform.

NC Arts Council

FACILITATOR / COORDINATOR

Various Programming

Participated in panels and forums. Supported the Millennial Artist Project. Coordinator of spoken word performances for the National Folk Festival. Developed and facilitated workshops for the Gathering of Millennial Traditional Musicians.

Art of Cool Festival / Cherry Bounce Festival / Spark Con

COORDINATOR

Performances & Hosting

Worked with festival organizers and artists to coordinate their performances at the festivals. Coordinated hosting, hosted stages, and curated new programming for Art of Cool Festival.

Durham Public Schools

CONSULTANT / FACILITATOR

Poetry Programming

Participated in the strategy, planning, and development of workshops as well. Assisted with coordination of the Durham County Poetry Out Loud finals.

Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art

DEVELOPER

Youth Programming

Developed and coordinated programming and workshops with the Winston-Salem YWCA educational programs.

NC Climate Justice Summit

CONSULTANT/FACILITATOR

Creative Programs

Developed workshops centered on social justice topics. Helped plan creative activities and secure artists.