

3x GRAMMY® AWARD-WINNING POET · AUTHOR · SPEAKER

J. Ivy

The voice heard around the world on Kanye West’s *The College Dropout*. The first poet to win a GRAMMY® since Dr. Maya Angelou — and the first ever to win Best Spoken Word Poetry Album. A once-in-a-generation live experience, now booking worldwide.

From the South Side of Chicago to HBO’s Def Poetry Jam to the GRAMMY® stage, J. Ivy has spent two decades proving that poetry belongs everywhere music lives. He traded verses with JAY-Z on “Never Let Me Down,” gave John Legend his stage name, and has shared the stage with Dave Chappelle, Robert Glasper, and Terrace Martin.

- ✦ **3x GRAMMY® Award winner** — Best Spoken Word Poetry Album (2023, first-ever recipient; won again 2024) & Best Roots Gospel Album (2023, *The Urban Hymnal*)
- ✦ **NAACP Image, Peabody, Clio & Telly Award winner**
- ✦ Featured alongside **JAY-Z** on Kanye West’s GRAMMY®-winning *The College Dropout* — “Never Let Me Down”
- ✦ Has commanded the stages of **Madison Square Garden, the United Nations, the White House, TEDx,** and the **Blue Note** (New York & Los Angeles)
- ✦ HBO **Def Poetry Jam** alum · the man who named **John Legend**
- ✦ Author of *Dear Father & Here I Am* · **National Chair, Recording Academy Black Music Collective**



FOUR WAYS TO BRING THE POET TO YOUR STAGE

01

An Evening with J. Ivy

The signature **one-man show**. An intimate night of poetry, story, and soul — built for theaters, performing-arts centers, and listening rooms.

02

Full Band & Acoustic

Poetry fused with live music. **Full band** for festival main stages and headline nights, or a stripped **acoustic set** for galas and private events.

03

Keynotes & Conversations

GRAMMY®-winning storytelling for **conferences, corporate events, and commencements** — keynote, fireside, or performance-keynote hybrid.

04

Universities & HBCUs

Campus performances, **writing masterclasses**, and artist talks — from a GRAMMY® winner whose *Urban Hymnal* win came alongside an HBCU, Tennessee State University.

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Beauty of the Journey Tour

33 cities. Four continents. Chicago to New York, London to Cape Town, Accra to Abu Dhabi to Tokyo. Anchor dates, festival slots, campus stops, and corporate engagements are being placed now — bring your market to the journey.

“An evening with J. Ivy is not a concert you watch. It is a night you are part of.”

