



# MICKALA HINNANT

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# “Maestra”

## MAESTRA - THE TEACHER

I am a versatile artist who creates life-altering tunes by using my background in performing arts, mental health and education. My mission according to my tag line is "I'm tryna represent for the youngins back at home who feel as if they're going through the struggle all alone" as I provide a voice for the voiceless through relatable lyrics. With over 7 years of experience in performing in front of large audiences (not including an additional 12+ years of music and theatrical experience prior to becoming an independent artist), I write original music to be performed in several cities for various engagements.

### EDUCATION

**Purdue University  
(West Lafayette, IN)**  
September 2009 - December 2012

- Theatre Arts - Acting (B.A.)
- Psychology (B.S.)

**Josephine Dobbs-Clement Early College  
High School at  
North Carolina Central University  
(Durham, NC)**  
August 2005 - June 2009

### SKILLS

- Rapping (Emceeing)
- Singing (Soprano 2-Alto 2)
- Spoken Word
- Acting
- Improv & Freestyle Performing
- Curating Events

## LIVE PERFORMANCES

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| <b>2023</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gospel Music &amp; Fashion Explosion - Raleigh, NC (2023)</li><li>• Leaders By Choice Family Appreciation Night - Raleigh, NC (2023)</li><li>• SpringFest - Holly Springs, NC (2023)</li><li>• Therapy Session - Durham, NC (2023) *curated</li><li>• The Spot Block Party - Durham, NC (2023)</li><li>• 18th Annual Juneteenth Celebration - Durham, NC (2023)</li><li>• ArtWalk @ Ackland Museum - Chapel Hill, NC (2023)</li></ul> | <b>2019</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Infinite Family Takeover @ the NC State Fair - Durham, NC (2019)</li><li>• Khair Fashion Show &amp; Culture Night - Raleigh, NC (2019)</li><li>• Hip Hop and Fashion - Durham, NC (2019)</li></ul>   |
| <b>2022</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compassion Day 1 &amp; 2 - Raleigh, NC (2022 &amp; 2023)</li></ul>  | <b>2018</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Power of Red Women's Benefit Concert - Fayetteville, NC (2018)</li><li>• Community Cookout Day @ Hayti Heritage Center - Durham, NC (2018 &amp; 2019)</li><li>• Stop the Violence Event @ Love &amp; Respect - Durham, NC (2018)</li><li>• Get Out the Vote Block Party - Raleigh, NC (2018)</li><li>• Nacynze Presents Homecoming - Oxford, NC - (2018)</li></ul> |
| <b>2021</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phoenix Fest - Durham, NC (2021 &amp; 2023)</li><li>• Last Friday Art Walk - Hillsborough, NC (2021)</li><li>• Fatherhood of Durham Strong Salute - Durham, NC (2021)</li></ul>   | <b>2017</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Blue &amp; White [Zeta Phi Beta] Affair - Raleigh, NC (2017)</li><li>• Women's Circle @ The Artist Bloc- Greensboro, NC (2017)</li><li>• Beats n Bars Festival - Durham, NC (2017)</li><li>• HipHop Against Lupus - Durham, NC (2017)</li></ul>  |
| <b>2020</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mics N Masks Virtual Show - Winston Salem, NC (2020)</li><li>• Protest Against Confederate Statue - Graham, NC (2020)</li></ul>   | <b>2016</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• YoNCRaps - Durham, NC (2016, 2017 &amp; 2023)</li></ul>  |

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### FEEL GOOD MUSIC - THE MOVEMENT

I strive to utilize my craft to provide family-friendly music therapy through Hip-Hop. "It's gonna be alright" is an adopted phrase as a result of growing up as a PK, or "Preacher's Kid." Throughout my youth I witnessed many people receive healing through my grandfather's ministry. Today, the stage is where I receive my mental health therapy, and my goal is to give it back to my audience through Feel Good Music. By making it a point to collaborate with artists with similar objectives, I develop a culture and movement to restore the necessity of Hip-Hop in society despite its sometimes negative connotations. The people need to "Feel Good."

### STRENGTHS

- Heartfelt Lyricism
- Creative Wordplay
- Remarkable Vocal Abilities
- Powerful Stage Presence
- Strong Articulation
- Captivating Crowd Engagement

### MUSIC RELEASES

<b>Single</b>	Class Rules (M-A-E-S-T-R-A)
<b>Song</b>	Heartfelt - Defacto Thezpian
<b>Features</b>	Change Me - Fam-U
	Can't Breathe - ShredTVT
	Curse of the Father - Dasan Ahanu
	Midsommar - OC From NC
	Cakez - Precyce Politix
	Know About It - KnoxSupermc & Eternal
	My Black Is Beautiful - FAM-U
	Black Babies & Blue Steel - G. Huff & Lena Jackson
	Nina Mosley - Defacto Thezpian
	Timberlake Interlude - Defacto Thezpian
	Legacy - Swami Da Bullhemian
	Taboo - S.P.A.D.E.
	Lost - OC From NC
	End of the Tunnel - Lena Jackson
	I Had It All - B Totty & Tru Flames
	Say Something - Nacynze & To Be
	Outro - DS Will & JB
	Intro - JB
	The Struggle - Filthy Finesse

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