

Dr. Binta Masani - Artist Statement

The gifts I offer through photography, writing and performing are all God inspired. I believe the power of God's voice is deeply transformative, going beyond human sound to embody personal identity and forge spiritual connections. My work, whether expressed through speech, prose, storytelling, or imagery, defines my lived experiences. For me, the intertwined themes of voice and place hold profound meaning, forming the foundation of my creative work in photography, writing, and performance. Public speaking and writing are familiar and vital practices that continually inform and energize my artistic expression, whether behind the camera or on stage. This dynamic interplay across disciplines is a constant point of return for me, anchored in my spiritual foundation, academic background and professional training with Toastmasters International.

I am deeply drawn to the extraordinary beauty found within common, everyday experiences, while also recognizing their unique ability to connect people through shared relatability and universal themes. Embracing the Moments, my collection of quotes, personal reflections, and short essays represent moments of introspection that illuminate the seemingly ordinary and serendipitous moments, where voice and place reveal their most compelling qualities. Through my performance as Sojourner Truth, I bring her legacy to

life, transforming history into an immersive experience that actively engages audiences in witnessing the profound power of storytelling anchored in "truth telling", and justice.

Ultimately, through photography, writing, and performing arts, I strive to capture and convey fleeting encounters that uncover deeper meaning, inviting viewers and readers into a place of connection, reflection, and transformation. May the warmth of my spirit, through a photograph, a quote, or a gesture...fill you with the joy of a gentle breeze. Through all that I do, my desire is to leave an imprint on this world that stirs someone to "call my name" and feel the presence of God's Great Power and Love.

Blessings,

Binta Masawí, PhD