

Jarrel Phillips

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Documentarian, community organizer, coach, and educator working at the intersection of growth, culture, and community.

EDUCATION

Masters in East-West Psychology (*June 2024*)
California Institute of Integral Studies

B.S. in Child & Adolescent Development (*June 2013*)
San Francisco State University

CERTIFICATIONS

- ◇ Youth Coach Specialist (Youth Coaching Institute)
- ◇ Bay Area Video Coalition Film Certification
- ◇ Capoeira Contra-Mestre (Capoeira Ijexá)
- ◇ Reiki Levels 1 & 2

SKILLS

- ◇ Canva
- ◇ Adobe Photoshop + Illustrator
- ◇ Final Cut Pro
- ◇ Microsoft, Google, & Adobe Suites
- ◇ Languages: Portuguese (intermediate)

MEDIA, PRESS, & Highlights

- ◇ SF Heritage Gala Speaker: 50th Anniversary (2024)
- ◇ SFMOMA Open Space. "A Traveler's MinD (2020)
- ◇ KQED: "One SF Griot's Dance of Resistance" (2020)
- ◇ 99% Invisible Podcast: Model City. (2019)
- ◇ Reimagine! Journal: "I AM SF" (2016-2019)

GRANTS & AWARDS

Black Futures Residency 2025

Zaccho Artist-in residence program

Creative Work Fund 2024 - Present

Walter & Elise Haas Fund

SF Arts Commission 2020 – 2021 & 2025 – 2026

Individual Performing Artist

Bridge Live Arts 2020 – 2021

Artist in residence with Hope Mohr Dance.

SF Carnaval 2023

1st place Youth & Family performance

FOUNDER & DIRECTOR

AVE (Access Via Exposure) *Founded 2011*

Organization focused on youth, families, and community arts/education.

avesidea.com

Living Lore *Founded 2018*

Production company offering storytelling & documentation services via film, photography, writing and curation.

noplacelikehomesf.com

Wild Child Movement Collective *Founded 2018-2021*

Bay Area youth performance group.

Passage *Founded 2017*

Rites of passage program for teens.

Young Creators Camp *2018*

Youth arts based camp for ages 5-11 years old.

PRODUCER CREDITS

[Suns of Cayuga](#) (Producer)

Short documentary on SF's underground circus community. August 2024

[JUNETEENTH: The Souls of Black Folk](#) (Curator)

San Francisco Public Library, 2020

Presentation on Juneteenth & the broader struggle for freedom & cultural pride among Black nations across the African diaspora.

[How We Play](#) (Curator)

CCSF & San Francisco Public Library's Jewett Gallery, 2015- 2019

Photography exhibit exploring play in cultural and performing arts.

[I Am San Francisco: Black Past & Presence](#) (Curator)

CCSF, SFSU & SFPL, 2016 - 2020

Exhibition documenting Black history in San Francisco

[Ayiti \(Haiti\) Exchange](#) (Producer & Director)

Short film of a 2016 cultural exchange with music, dance, and Vodou.

[Zanzibar Stonetown Capoeira Film & Project](#) (Producer & Director)

Stonetown, Zanzibar 2010-2016

Brought master teachers (capoeira, acrobatics, break dance) to Tanzanian youth for workshops + created a short film featured at the SF Black Film Festival.

MEMBERSHIPS & SOCIETIES

Hunters Point Shipyard Artists *2024 – Present*

Collective of artists at the Historic naval shipyards.

3.9 Art Collective *2013 - 2020*

An SF collective of Black artists

Suns of Cayuga *2013-2019*

An SF collective of circus and performing artists

PERFORMANCE CREDITS

“**Time of Change**” - Joe Goode & Oyster Knife 2021 (Performer)

“**Night of Ideas**” - SFMOMA 2020+ Choreographer + Performer)

“**Circus of Light**” - Circus Center 2019 (Choreographer)

“**Inherited Bodies**” - Bridge Live Arts 2019 (Performer + Panelist)

“**Remembering 1619**” - Equal Justice Society 2019 (Performer)

“**Picture Bayview**” - Zaccho Dance 2018 (Performer)

WORKSHOPS, LECTURES & RESIDENCIES

Contra Costa County Library District 2025- Present

SF Heritage *Guest Annual Gala Speaker* 2024

Santa Clara County Library District 2024- Present

San Mateo County Libraries 2022 - Present

Bayview Opera House 2016 – 2020

San Francisco Public Libraries 2015 - Present

SF State (Lecturer & Internship Provider) 2015 – 2017

Circus Center 2013 - Present

ODC Dance Commons 2017

Gritty City Repertory Youth Theatre 2014 - 2016

Zaccho Dance Studio 2013 - 2015

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS

Prescott Circus Theatre Oakland, CA

(Youth Circus + Acrobatics Coach) 2012 – 2014

A performance group serving Black and Brown youth.

AcroSports. San Francisco, CA

(Head Coach, Pre K Gymnastics. Special needs.) 2009 – 2014

An SF urban & performing arts staple in the Bay Area.

TEACHING & YOUTH WORK

Youth 1st SF, CA

(Capoeira instructor) 2025 – Present

Program for youth in OMI. I taught capoeira & cooperative games

Steve and Kate Camp Northern California Sites

(Various Workshops) 2022 – Present

I provide play-based workshops for S&K's various camp sites.

Meadows-Livingstone School SF, CA

(Capoeira instructor and support staff) 2024 – Present

Afro-centric elementary school serving Black youth in SF explore everything inherently African, which includes capoeira with me.

Children's Day School SF, CA

(Afterschool Enrichment Provider) 2022 – Present

“Future-focused” school. I emphasized improvisation & adaptation.

Ruth Asawa School of the Arts SF, CA

(Capoeira Instructor, World Dance) 2020 – Present

Arts-based high school. I expose teens to professional, performance-based training & encourage leadership on & off stage.

Katherine Delmar Burke School SF, CA

(Capoeira Instructor) 2017- Present

All-girls school. I build confidence via acrobatics, play & self-defense.

Don Fisher Boys and Girls Club SF, CA

(Capoeira Instructor) 2016 – Present

Afterschool program in the Fillmore where we explore

African-Brazilian roots via Capoeira while exploring our own cultural heritage.

Lafayette Elementary SF, CA

(Capoeira Instructor) 2015 - Present

A national blue ribbon school where I emphasize the significance of community and culture through the art of Capoeira.

The Hamlin School SF, CA

(Afterschool Enrichment Provider) 2014 – Present

All-girls school. I build confidence via acrobatics, play & self-defense.

Lakeshore Elementary SF, CA

(Capoeira Instructor) 2021 – 2023

A public school where I emphasized artforms of the African diaspora.

Bret Harte Elementary SF, CA

(Capoeira Instructor) 2021 – 2022

A predominantly African-American school where we explored Black cultural expression via movement, music & rhythms of the diaspora.

Alice Fung Yu Elementary School SF, CA

(Capoeira Instructor) 2017-2018

The nation's first Chinese immersion public school where we explored culture through Capoeira to foster healthy Black & Asian relations.

Town School For Boys SF, CA

(Afterschool Enrichment Provider) 2021 – 2023

All-boys school. I helped youth with focus, and discipline via creativity.

Creative Arts Charter School. SF, CA

(Afterschool Enrichment Provider) 2015 – 2020

Arts-based school. I guided youth in self-expression via capoeira.

Dare to Dream. SF, CA

(Capoeira Instructor) 2013 – 2020

Bayview youth Program. I taught culture + confidence via capoeira.