

Sha'Condria



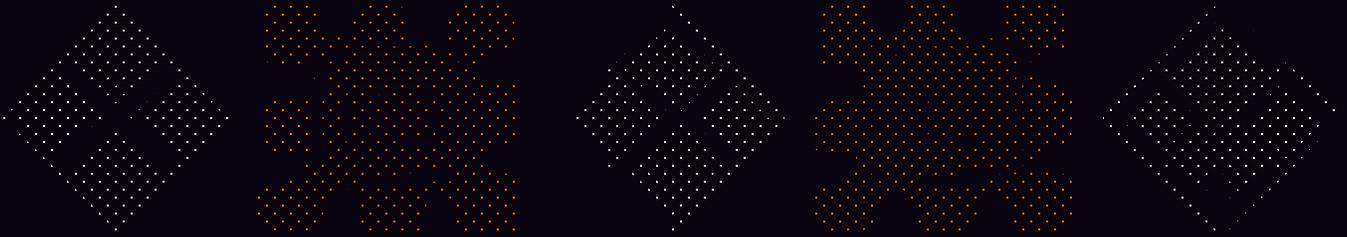
Sibley



POET + TEACHER + ARTIST

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By definition, an "icon" is usually a symbol or an image that stands for or represents something other than itself. As an artist, SHA'CONDRIA "iCON" SIBLEY stands for and represents for those who are oftentimes marginalized and whose voices are silenced in today's society. iCon is a nationally-acclaimed championship poet/spoken word artist/actress/teaching artist. As a founding member of Team SNO (Slam New Orleans), she has helped the team win multiple regional and national titles, solidifying them as a "dynasty" in the world of slam poetry.

A lover of the stage, iCon has also been featured in several stage productions such as the musical, 'Badu-izms', a production of Eve Ensler's 'A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant, and a Prayer', 'Housewarming', and 'Waiting to Be Invited'. She made her national television debut as a featured poet on the 3rd season of TV One's NAACP award-nominated hit TV show, 'Verses and Flow'. Over the years, iCon has shared stages with the likes of Sunni Patterson, Taalam Acey, Abiodun Oyewole (The Last Poets), jessica care moore, Amanda Diva, The Tony Rich Project, Dead Prez, Andra Day, and Kendrick Lamar. She even earned the honor of being a part of the first poetry act to ever grace the main stage at Essence Festival 2016.



## ABOUT THE ARTIST



iCon's involvement in the community goes beyond the page and the stage. In efforts to reunite and revitalize the post-Katrina New Orleans poetry community, iCon, along with fellow New Orleans poet, Asia Rainey, co-founded the Write!NOLA Festival (2011-12). In 2014, iCon partnered with the Alexandria Museum of Art in her hometown to become the host and organizer of the 'Rhythm & Rhymes Spoken Word Performing Arts Series', a quarterly showcase at the museum which has gained both local and statewide popularity.

She also works teaching poetry to inmates at a federal correctional facility.

She can be found all over the country performing on numerous stages and teaching workshops from colleges and universities to corner cyphers and living rooms. Focused on not falling for anything, iCon stands for something, and that something is much bigger than the woman or the poem.



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"I am taught that I am curse.  
That Becky With the Good Hair is blessing.  
That she is sacrament.  
So I sip parts of her body, praying to be made  
whole.  
Right(eous).  
Beautiful.  
Something worthy of worship.  
Kim, I, too, know what it feels like to overdose on  
communion.  
To drown myself in images that look nothing like  
me and call it baptism.  
To partake of a broken body.  
To sometimes be the one doing the breaking.  
To shed of my own blood.  
To crucify myself daily in bathroom mirrors.  
And still rise every Sun.  
Day.  
Morning.  
Having saved everyone but  
myself."  
- From *When Black Girls Do Not Feel Worthy of  
Being Saved (For Lil Kim)*

"I thought I had forgotten all about the way I used  
alcohol  
and cigarettes  
and sex  
to numb the pain,  
to make me forget what dying every single day  
felt like  
and to preserve my hollow heart.  
Too afraid to call it addiction,  
I called it embalming instead.

I thought I had forgotten the way I had learned to  
use the stage  
as an open casket.  
How here, I learned to dress my skeletons up all  
pretty in makeup and metaphors.  
How, although my life filled up countless  
notebooks,  
I'd learned to squeeze my entire eulogy into three  
minutes and ten seconds.  
Too afraid to call it being buried alive,  
I called it being a poet instead."  
- From *On Burying Dead Things*



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Southern Fried Regional Poetry Slam Champion (2016)  
Women of the World Poetry Slam Runner-Up (2016)  
Rouge Roulette Champion (2015)  
Texas Grand Slam Champion (2015)  
2nd Place Southern Fried Regional Poetry Slam Individuals (2015)  
2nd Place Hunger Games (2015)  
Bayou City Slam Co-Champion (2014)  
2nd Place Southern Fried Poetry Slam (2012) National Poetry Slam Champion (2012)  
Brenda Moosey Video Slam Winner (2011)  
2nd Place Southern Fried Regional Poetry Slam (2010) National Poetry Slam Group Piece Champion (2010)  
NOYO Poem of the Year (2009)  
NOYO Female Poet of the Year (2009)  
NOYO Poetry Slam Champion (2009)  
Louisiana Individual Poetry Slam Champion (2009)

# TESTIMONIALS

"When listening to a poet, I always ask the same question, "Do I believe you?"

When it comes to Sha'Condria "iCon" Sibley, I am filled with, "YES!"

Whether delivering a message about the importance and sacredness of a name or makeup, or the loss of a child, I believe her... but most importantly, I believe in her!

I've known Sha'Condria for many years. I've watched her nurture children as a volunteer at Kuumba Academy in New Orleans, LA, and I've watched her evolve into the wonderful woman, artist, activist, and light she is today. I celebrate her journey, and give thanks for the way her poems lift us to a space that allow us to question, answer, and exist within our personal and collective truths.

She is Sha'Condria, the one whose name is both noun and verb... like Love!

That's it! She is Sha'Condria iCon Sibley, the loving energy whose talent, reach, and gift is far bigger than page and poem.

Thank you for existing and allowing us to sojourn with you."

- Sunni Patterson

Internationally-acclaimed poet/  
spoken word artist, HBO Def Poet



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"iCon is the type of artist [who] makes a deliberate attempt to challenge the common structure of the status quo by constantly critiquing, evolving, and challenging herself in her craft. Constantly. I think she's one of the most dynamic and prolific artists of the 21st century, and she's not nearly done. I believe one of the most beautiful things about iCon is that she's intentional. Every word is directed to entertain, educate, and enlighten. As wonderful as she is witty, as magical as she is martyr, the most passionate moment in your life would be to sit in her audience."

- Tarriona 'Tank' Ball

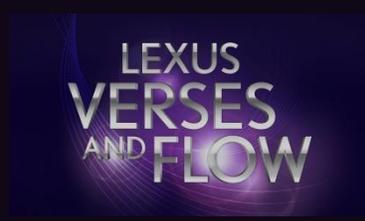
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Winner of AfroPunk Battle of the Bands





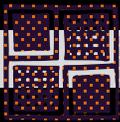
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# WATCH ICON HERE



[To All the Little Black Girls With Big Names](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbS8LPkohCc>



[Black Woman Steps Up To Mic](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vP0yDMrHa8k>



[In My Skin](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJeBIGqB8S8>

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