



## KIRK NUGENT

For almost ten years Kirk Nugent has served as a catalyst for change, challenging preconceived notions about success and self-actualization. Kirk started public speaking in poetry venues where he displayed a keen understanding of social and political issues delivered with his signature brand of infectious wit and frenetic energy. Early audiences crowned him “The People’s Poet,” and the stage was set for Kirk to widen his speaking base to include college campuses, key note addresses for Fortune 500 companies, church ministries and empowerment workshops. He has spoken at venues across the United States, Canada, Europe and the Caribbean. Kirk continues to impact the lives of people from around the world with public speaking engagements, and live appearances, as well as with his book, *The Unpopular Truth* and CD’s *The Unpopular Truth*, and *I want to Testify*, as well as with his highly anticipated guide to self-actualization, *Ripple*. Kirk celebrates his Jamaican heritage which has fostered in him the global perspective of “Out of Many One People. “ This perspective is a relentless endorsement of the idea that no matter where you are in the world, the innate right to chase your dreams unites all individuals. This is the philosophy which guides Kirk’s speaking engagements, and inspired Les Brown to proclaim, “Kirk is a poignant speaker who challenges us to step out in faith towards our dreams.”

### Keynote Addresses

Merrill Lynch Financial Group

The Federal Aviation Administration

United States Air Force Reserve

Primerica Financial Services

Cornell University

Princeton University

Duke University

TD Jakes Mega Fest

Leadership Workshops

Clayton State University

Cuyahoga Community College

Miami University

Sonoma State University

University of Nevada

Valdosta State University

Poetry Accolades

2005 Best Lecture/Poet of the Year, awarded by Winthrop University

2004 Best Performing Artist, awarded by Association for The Promotion of Campus Activities

2003 Best Spoken Word Artist by Campus Award

2001 NAACP National Convention in New Orleans

1999 Nuyorican Grand Slam Champion

Appearances

NBC Black History Celebration

CBS "60 Minutes."

Opened for the Queen Latifah Show

Host, BET and Def Jam comics