



Break Out Artist Review

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If you heard soulful poetry in spoken word, over a beat straight from the rhythm of the hip-hop culture, you may call it a Lyrical Storm as well. This artist takes the traditional elements of spoken word and seasons it with his own flavor. In his performance, you can expect to experience love. "My goal is to have them visualize what love is. I want to expose them to the fact that love in relationships is only one aspect of the many forms of love." Lyrical Storm has been working and perfecting this poetic style for over fourteen years. "Finding Love" is a compilation of his views on the subject from puppy love to a more mature understanding of the value of love. So why does Lyrical Storm's "love poetry" include the rap culture? Because he feels that combined, it conveys a deeper message that can reach the audience of today. "In some ways, rap is not as strong in lyrics as it used to be, and is becoming more known for its beat. Poetry is about the words and the feeling. The words should bring a picture to your mind, before the beat and before the music. Here, there is a focus on the lyrics, not just the hip hop. There are many things on the agenda for Lyrical Storm. He is scheduling performances in which he can work with a band, his own music or solo and acapella. The second volume to "Finding Love" is in the making. He also dabbles in the area of playwriting, plays the trombone, and is working on mastering the guitar. In the future he aspires to be signed to a record label. Lyrical Storm currently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio and is no stranger to the Midwest. Born in Fort Wayne, he pays special attention to bringing to the plate what the Midwest has to offer. "I got my start in college open mic nights. There is talent here in the Midwest, but it is often overlooked. With that being said, the biggest challenge I had was to follow my heart and go after my career." To hear the original sound of Lyrical Storm, you can visit lyricalstorm.com and do not forget to leave feedback.