

# SEMAJE TURNAGE

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MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER



## ABOUT

**"From the streets came an inquisitive, precocious young man with a high level of raw talent; a man who found his strongpoint in life and now offers the same to others."**

Semaje Turnage was born and raised in the neighborhood of Watts, south Los Angeles. From a single parent household, in the midst of gang culture and violence, he fought a hard battle and overcame numerous obstacles. **Semaje takes a passionate approach and uses his cumulative skills as a poet, author, rap artist, film maker, entrepreneur and motivational speaker to mentor today's high-risk youth in urban communities.** With over 15 years of experience leading and mentoring, Semaje offers programs, workshops and speaking engagements through his Los Angeles nonprofit, Poetic Motivational Mentoring, Inc.

## EDUCATION & ACCOLADES

- LA Southwest College, Major: Theater
- Winner: Toastmaster International Divisional Speech Contest
- Winner: National Speech and Debate Contest

## FILM PROJECTS

- The Nest (Web TV Series) - Writer, Director
- "Man Made", 2013
- One-Way-Out (Dramatic Series)
- Clucky Fried Chicken (Comedy Show)

## PAST ENGAGEMENTS

- Facilitator for Glove Over Guns, connecting with boxer, Floyd Mayweather
- Motivational Speaker for Grass Roots Company Network, Los Angeles
- Youth Educational Speaker at Hollywood Free Clinic
- Microphone Session for Leila Steinberg Nonprofit



Bog the Frog and Friends

## BOOKS

'Bog the Frog and Friends' Kindle, May 2018

'The Nest' Paperback, March 26, 2017

On the gritty streets of Watts, Los Angeles, crime and violence are facts of life.



"An enlightening glimpse into the reality that this entertaining story told flawlessly."

"...a side of life and a side of America that is all too painful, all too real."

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## MENTORING PROGRAMS

The hallmark strategy of Semaje is to embrace urban youth culture as the principle way to reach teenagers at-risk in order to re-direct them toward character development and education.

- **Gloves Over Guns**
- **Youth Entrepreneurial Training Workshops**
- **Youth Entertainment Enrichment**

**Gloves Over Guns** teaches personal development and physical training techniques for positive attitude, motivation, healthy habits, effective communication, problem solving, emotional control and fitness.

**Youth Entertainment Enrichment** Built in partnership with youth development organizations, schools, churches, businesses and community centers, multimedia production studios allow teens to make professional-quality music, Internet, TV/film and publishing products. Teens learn to promote and sell their products for profit.

**Entrepreneurial skills training**, one of the program elements for the Poetic Motivational Mentoring youth program, provides the basics of starting and operating a small business.







## SPEAKING TOPICS

- The Perfect Storm
- The Gold Mind
- The Drug That Man Made
- Unstoppable
- Wi Faith
- Failure is the Road to Success
- Excuses Are Useless
- Don't Wait to See it to Believe it



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