

## DOROTHY RANDALL GRAY, MSC

### Author..... Artist.....Teacher..... Speaker



A bestselling author, award-winning artist, popular teacher and motivational speaker Dorothy has shared the dais with the Dalai Lama in India, gained featured poet status in Iceland, and boogied with James Baldwin in NY. In 2019 the LA Department of Cultural Affairs designated her Poet-in-Residence for the City of Los Angeles. She continues to enthrall audiences from Brooklyn to Bombay in numerous venues, among them the Nuyorican Poets Café, the World Stage, Women's Studies Association, Columbia University, Carnegie Mellon Institute, Open Center, and Malibu's Tales By The Sea.

Her writings and teachings have garnered high praise from such luminaries as Iyanla Vanzant, Nikki Giovanni, Larry Dossey and Luisah Teish. A popular teacher and transnational activist Dorothy is author of the bestseller ***Soul Between The Lines: Freeing Your Creative Spirit Through Writing*** (Avon/HarperCollins.) ***Muse Blues, Woman, Fierce With Reality, Family, The Passion Collection, A Taste of Tamarinda***, and her latest volume of poetry, ***Sharing The Same Sky***. Her writings have also appeared in many anthologies and periodicals.

Dorothy has previously served as special delegate to the United Nations, NPR commentator, Poet-In-Residence at Hunter College, and as a former board member of the International Women's Writing Guild. She is currently Executive Director of Women Writers & Artists Matrix, and continues to span the literary globe with poignant poetry, spellbinding stories and captivating humor. She was one of 10 women in the U.S. chosen for the *Give Voice To Women Through The Arts* program, a U.S. State Dept. initiative during which she provided writing and empowerment seminars for young women at China's Sias University.

In her passion for the creative she established the Heartland Institute for Transformation, an organization dedicated to utilizing the arts for global healing, social change, and personal empowerment. Throughout the US and abroad her inspiring performances, life-changing writing, personal development and spiritual empowerment workshops have motivated beginning writers as well as seasoned authors.

In addition to providing educational assistance to African schools, she has facilitated writing and healing workshops for veterans, battered women, HIV positive groups, at-risk youth, juveniles in detention, incarcerated and Skid Row populations, post graduate students and professional authors. She believes in changing the world one word at a time and living a life fierce with reality.

#### **Dorothy is available for:**

Writing Workshops  
Master Classes  
Literary Readings  
Storytelling  
Teacher Trainings  
Empowerment and Healing Seminars  
Speaking Engagements  
Creative Coaching  
Artist-in-Residence & Visiting Artist Programs

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