



Introduction

Poet Ali

Hello Friends,

I start all my Presentations & Performances, with a letter to the audience.

In this case, that would be you.... _____ (Name) has the unfortunate responsibility of reading this letter, while I kindly observe all of you, from an undetected point in the room. This gives me an opportunity to pin-point which of you is on your phones right now, which of you is rolling your eyes at sitting here for an hour listening to another speaker, and which of you is falling asleep.

Here is a little about me, although I've worked hard to make the real thing so much better than what's on paper. Nonetheless, for some context: I speak to an average of 50,000 people a year in live settings. I have written & produced over 1,000 musical recordings and compositions, some of which you will hear today. I performed for notable acts like Wyclef Jean to One Republic to Miss USA. I've been hired to write and deliver content for brands like Blue Cross, Hewlett Packard, Organon, Sanofi and my Ted Talk on languages has been seen by millions.

I spent an average of 9 months of the year on the road interacting with wonderful people like yourselves. I have been featured on every news channel, we won't get into exactly why and I'm generally not on social media, as much as I'm told I should be. My fields of study include the Romance languages, human movement, music, liberal arts, humanities, etymology, psychology, and of course Soulosophy. My primary focus in all I do, all that I am, is connection. The language of connection & how to bridge the gap of understanding. We are going to joke. It's ok to laugh. Please do. Let's have some fun. I'm here to make a memory with you. Many would call me an experientialist, others a soulosopher. I simply go by "Poet."

Ladies and gentlemen, please put together a warm and loud welcome for Poet Ali.

(do not read this aloud)

****Note to Presenter:** When you say "Poet Ali", the tech team or Poet himself will cue the first slide and the music will start. Feel free to walk off stage even though Poet will NOT be on the stage. Poet will have his mic with him and will be entering from the back of the room.

