

Summer Festival Days

June 27: Festival Keynotes and Inspiration

10:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. PST

INTRODUCTION: SPOKEN WORD WITH GILL SOTU

The dynamic, raw, and compelling spoken word artist Gill Sotu will open our Festival on June 27. The San Diego Writers Festival is honored to have Gill open each event because of the heart, spirit, and wisdom Gill brings to the stage and each listener. Join us in being forever changed by his words.

Immediately after Gill's performance, the San Diego Writers Festival will present Dr. Catherine Grace Pope with a 2020 Community Leader award.



GILL SOTU

Gill Sotu is a navy veteran, a multi-faceted poet, playwright, musician, DJ, and performing artist. He is a two-time Grand Slam Poetry Champion, two-time Raw Performing artist of the year, and a three-time TEDx San Diego presenter. Currently, he is a teaching artist and a commissioned playwright with The Old Globe Theatre, a program director and teaching artist with Intrepid Theatre, the musical director for TEDx San Diego, and the Artist in Residence at Makers Church. He has been commissioned to produce original pieces for leading arts and community organizations, including The San Diego Symphony, The United Way of San Diego County, Feeding America, SD Fringe Fest, and the San Diego Opera.

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