

# **Chenits R. Pettigrew Curriculum Vitae**

## **Biographical Information**

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## **Education and Training**

New York University --- Master of Arts, Music Business, Music Technology, Art and Society May 2007

The Pennsylvania State University--Bachelor of Arts, Media Studies May 2001

## **Positions and Appointments**

Creative Consultant, Music Curator---651 Arts, Brooklyn, NY 2012

Founder Owner ---Liberation Entertainment Group, 2010-Present

Founder, Owner ---Liberation Music Group, 2008-Present

Independent Consultant, Hip Hop and Theater Instructor – La Guardia High School Queens, NY (in partnership with Earsay) 2008-2010

Independent Consultant, Music Instructor --Family Dynamics Brooklyn, NY 2007-2009

Independent Consultant, Music Instructor – Brooklyn Community Arts and Media School (BCAM), Brooklyn, NY 2007-2009

Writer/Talent, Viacom/MTV Networks 2006

AfricAmerica Youth Summit Co-Coordinator, Project Africa Global, Swaziland, Africa 2006-2009

Production Assistant/Artist Management Intern, Integrated Recording Studios, New York, NY 2005-2006

Independent Consultant, African Culture Coordinator –New York City Parks and Recreation Brooklyn, NY 2005-2010

Independent Consultant, Music/Culture Instructor--Bushwick Community High School, Bushwick, Brooklyn 2004-2005

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Program/Curriculum Developer; Instructor, Arts Greenhouse Project –Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 2003

Program Manager--Urban Youth Action, Pittsburgh, PA 2003-2004  
Independent Consultant, History and Culture Instructor – Westinghouse High School, Pittsburgh, PA 2001-2002

Founder Sankofa Community Empowerment, Inc. 2001

Teacher Counselor--Pressley Ridge Schools, Pittsburgh, PA, 2001-2003

Production Assistant (88 Hip Hop, Queendom), Pseudo Programming New York, NY 2000

## **Honors/Awards/Scholarships**

Youth Mentorship Award, New York City Parks and Recreation, 2007

“40 under 40” in Pittsburgh, The Pittsburgh Courier, 2003

New York University Graduate Scholarship, New York University, 2004

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, The Pennsylvania State University, 1999

Schreyer’s Honors Scholar, The Pennsylvania State University, 1998-2000

Knight Rider Journalism Scholarship, The Pennsylvania State University School of Journalism, 1998

Bunton-Waller Fellow (Full Undergraduate Academic Scholarship), The Pennsylvania State University, 1997-2001

## **Certification and Accreditation**

WDPN Global Career Development Facilitator, The Center for Credentialing and Education, Workforce Development Professionals Network, September 2003

## **Professional Activities**

### **Invited Workshops, Panels and Performances**

Colloquium of Youth Culture (Invited Artist), University of Sao Paulo--Sao Paulo, Brazil April 10-13, 2012

“SEED” Art For Change Panel--Hip Hop Theater Festival, National Black Theater, Harlem, NY, September 24, 2011

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Gateway Medical Society (Hip Hop and Your Health), Pittsburgh, PA May 14<sup>th</sup> 2011

Career Day --- Motivational Speaking/Entertainment Career Presentation Boys and Girls High School, Brooklyn, New York, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011

Power of Purpose Workshop/Performance--Penn State Greater Allegheny McKeesport, PA, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Gateway Medical Society (Hip Hop and Your Health), Pittsburgh, PA June 12<sup>th</sup> 2010

World AIDS Day High School presentations/performances—Project Africa Global, Los Angeles California Alexander Hamilton High School, Inglewood High School, December 1, 2009

Gateway Medical Society (Hip Hop and Your Health), Pittsburgh, PA June 27<sup>th</sup> 2009

MAN UP Conference –“Rebuilding the Male Image” for SNAP Long Island, NY, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2009

Queens Museum Reading of Crossing the BLVD, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2009

“Representation of Pan-African Women in the Media” Gye Nyama Empowerment Project Sista2Sista Youth Summit Panel Brooklyn, NY, March 28, 2009

New York University Guest Lecturer for Oral History and Poetry Writing Class, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009

SUNY Purchase “Blackout” Movie presentation/performance, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2008

“Representation of Pan-African Women in the Media” Gye Nyama Empowerment Project Sista2Sista Youth Summit Panel Brooklyn, NY, March 8, 2008

Monroe College “Blackout” Movie presentation/performance, Bronx, NY February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

“Beyond Beats and Rhymes” Documentary Presentation (University of PGH Medical School) Black History Month Program, February 2008

Monroe College Panel – “Lyrically Correct: Should Hip-Hop Be On Trial?” Bronx, NY May 24<sup>th</sup> 2007

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“Do You Know Your History” (OAPIA) Workshop/Performance Purchase  
College, State University of New York Purchase, NY, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2006

“Power of Purpose” workshop in Shuman, Juvenile Detention Center Pittsburgh,  
PA

Wake Forest University, Student Organizing and Campus Race Relations  
Workshop, Winston-Salem, NC 2000

## **International Programs**

Engaging Youth Through Music, International Leadership Program (Algeria Host)  
September 2011

Arts and Cultural Exchange San Pedro Sula and La Ceiba, Honduras  
(Performances, Workshops, Master classes), August 2011

The Rhythm Road: American Music Abroad, Jazz at Lincoln Center – Morocco,  
Tunisia,  
Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria (Performances, Workshops, Master classes),  
December 2009- July 2010

Arts and Cultural Exchange — Manama, Bahrain (Performances, Workshops,  
Master Classes), July 2011

Engaging Youth Through Music, International Leadership Program (Egypt and  
Morocco Host) April 2011

International Hip Hop Academy Beirut, Lebanon, The U.S. Department of  
Education and Cultural Affairs, October-December 2010

Engaging Youth Through Music, The International Leadership Program (Middle  
East Host) June 2010

Cultural Envoy of Hip Hop History and Culture (Hanoi/HCMC, Vietnam), The U.S.  
Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, May 2010

Lyrical Embassy Literacy and Leadership Development Workshop -- SEED  
Hoops Forum Thies, Senegal, April 16-20<sup>th</sup> 2008

AfricAmerica Youth Summit, Project Africa Global, Swaziland Africa, 2006-2009

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## **Funded Proposals**

The Export EP Project --- Kickstarter 2011 (Crowd Source Funding)

International Hip Hop Academy, Beirut, Lebanon -- Department of State Federal Assistant Award 2010

Central Blood Bank "Bridging The Blood" Donation Awareness Project (In Collaboration with the August Wilson Center for African-American Culture) -- Chief Creative Consultant 2010

## **Research**

"Potently Sterilized: The Evolution of the Black Arts Aesthetic in Hip-Hop Culture," Graduate Thesis (NYU) May 2, 2007

"The Implosion of Black Power: How the FBI Used Inter/ Intra-Organizational Conflicts to Manipulate the Destruction of the Movement," Final Course Paper (NYU) -- May 8, 2006

"Words, Sounds, Power: The Afrikan Lineage of the Contemporary Hip-Hop Artist," Graduate Independent Study (NYU) May 3, 2005

"From Black Power Toward Rap's Power: The Influence of Garveyism on the Hip-Hop Nation," Graduate Independent Study (NYU), December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## **Publications**

Literary Contributor: A Life in Books: The Rise and Fall of Bleu Mobley, By Warren Lehrer, 2012

## **Artistic Projects**

### **Musical Discography**

Footprints LP --Chen Lo, Liberation Entertainment Group, 2012

The Export EP --The Lo Frequency, Liberation Entertainment Group, 2011

"Threats" The Evil Jeanius (Jean Grae), Babygrande Records, 2009

The Inkwell --Chen Lo, Liberation Music Group, 2009

Chronicles of a Rebel LP --Chen Lo, Liberation Music Group/Shaman Work Recordings/Mad Maestro Entertainment, 2009

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“Brooklyn” ft. Damaja D and Mo Betta Blue -- Single Release 2008

The Biggest Secret—Chen Lo, Liberation Music Group/Mad Maestro Entertainment, 2006

Now More Than Ever LP – Liberation, 2004

“Fallen” (Vinyl Single), Produced by JJ Brown ---B.U.K.A. Entertainment, 2003

Speak No Evil LP –Liberation, 2002

## **Music Licenses**

“Peace” ft. Shannon Grier -- Sing Out Loud: Modern America Rhythms CD (US State Department), 2011

“Give It All Up” ft. Raii -- Goon Trax Japan, 2011

“Brooklyn ft. Damaja D and Mo Betta Blues--Blackout Music Soundtrack (BET/Paramount/Caswell Communications), 2008

Various Music -- MTV2 Sucker Free Commercial Campaign Music, 2006

## **Notable Performances**

Remembering the Victims of Slavery and the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade Gala Concert, The United Nations General Assembly 2012

WNYC’s Battle of the Boroughs, The Greene Space Feb 3rd 2012

World Summit of African Descendents, La Ceiba Honduras, 2011

Bahrain International Music Festival, Manama Bahrain, 2011

Headlining Performance at the National Council of International Visitors 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, Washington D.C. , February 16<sup>th</sup> 2011

Headlining Performance at Ringmasterz International Hip Hop Competition (Sponsored by Yamaha) Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam, January 27<sup>th</sup> 2011

Residency, Al Mandaloun Premier Nightclub and Performance Venue, October-November 2010

Dizzy’s Café, Jazz at Lincoln Center, New York, NY, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

National Geographic Live, National Geographic Headquarters, Washington, D.C, June 3, 2010

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International Arts Festival El Kef, Tunisia, 2010

Tremplin Music Festival, Casablanca, Morocco, 2010

August Wilson Center for African American Culture, Pittsburgh, PA October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009

Last Poets Tour Performance, Hazlett Theater, Pittsburgh, PA 2009

Sounds of Brazil (SOB's) NYC 2008

CMJ Music Marathon BB Kings Time Square, New York, NY October 31, 2007

Million Youth March, Brooklyn, NY 2003

Last Poets Anniversary Show (Hosted By Common) Joe's Pub New York, NY 2002

Black August Chicago--Opening Act for Erykah Badu, Dead Prez, Common 2001

Penn State Concert Series--Opening Act for The Roots 2000

## **Domestic Television Appearances**

MTVU, VH1 Soul ("Float Away" Music Video) January/February 2012

"The Right Notes"-- CBS Sunday Morning, July 4, 2010

"My Two Cents" (regular contributor) – BETJ, 2008-2010

MTV2 Live Performance, 2008

106 and Park ("Brooklyn" Music Video) – BET, 2008

Yo! MTV Raps ("Brooklyn" Music Video) – MTV, 2008

Sucker Free Countdown ("Brooklyn" Music Video) -- MTV2, 2008

Cablevision/Comcast Cable on Demand (NJ, DE, VA, DC, PA) – "Chen Lo The Music, The Movement" -- 2007

Sucker Free Commercial Campaign (Cartoon) -- MTV2, 2006

Best Music on Campus --- MTVu, 2006

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The Freshman --- MTVu, 2006

## **International Television Appearances**

The Lo Frequency on MurrTV Lebanon 2010

The Lo Frequency on OTV Lebanon 2010

Chen Lo and the Liberation Family on Al Hurra TV Al Hurra TV, Lebanon April 21, 2010

Chen Lo and the Liberation Family on Canal Algeria TV News Canal Algeria (Algeria) 4 April 2010

TV Coverage in Sala Al Jadida, Morocco 2M 21 March 2010

## **Press (Domestic/International)**

Okayplayer.com Reviews "The Export" By Sandra Manzanares January 1, 2012

"Hip-Hop takes center stage at Cultural Hall: Bahrain Summer Festival" July 17<sup>th</sup> 2011

"Four musicians bring true message of hip hop to the Arab world" -- By Jonah Shepp Jordan Times 7 April, 2010

"Creative Exchange: An American hip hop group comes to Lebanon" -- Angie Nassar, NOW Lebanon by 14 April 2010

"American hip-hop ensemble shows the love in Lebanon" The Daily Star by Emily Homan 19 April, 2010

"Local Musician Wins Lincoln Center Honor" -- by Renee Alrdich Pittsburgh Courier February 3, 2010

"Voicing Pain Through Performance" -- by Anne Barnard, New York Times April 12 2009

Okayplayer.com Reviews "The Inkwell" By Jason Reynolds January 2009

"US Hip Hop Artiste in Town (Sensitizing and Raising Awareness to the Country's Youth on HIV and AIDS)-- by Sanele Lukhele, Swaziland Observer August 25-26 2007



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“Liberation Will Not Be Televised” – by Brentin Mock, Pittsburgh City Paper  
October 30<sup>th</sup> 2003

“CMU joins urban musicians to teach young artists about the business” – by  
Michelle Massie, Pittsburgh Post Gazette October 12<sup>th</sup> 2003