

Timaj Garad
Writer | Performer | Arts Educator

Timaj Garad is an Ethiopian-Harari Toronto-based multi-disciplinary storyteller, Arts Educator, and Community Organizer using poetry, theatre, and music to bring her stories to life. Her art is autobiographical, working at the intersections of a black Muslim woman challenging injustice, unearthing truths, and healing. As an award-winning Artist & Educator, Timaj has graced over 400 stages and facilitated several arts-based workshops. Timaj is the Founder of LUMINOUS Fest - Canada's first Black Muslim arts festival, and Co-founder of The Sisters' Retreat - a retreat series hosting local and international arts-based wellness retreats for Muslim Women.

She is currently living in Toronto, sharing her poetry and music on stages across the province, continuing to organize arts events, supporting Black arts and Black-led arts organizations as Program Manager at Toronto Arts Councils Black Arts Program, and working on new music. She released her single and music video "[Black Gold](#)" as well as her debut EP '*Blooming at the Mouth*' in 2021. Timaj believes in the transformative power of the arts to build capacity and strengthen communities. You can follow her work at timajgarad.com