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Brownstar



Described by spoken-word pioneer and founder of the Boston Progress Arts Collective, Giles Li, as "carrying on the legacy of the great storytellers across generations" **BROWNSTAR** is a spoken-word duo based at the origin of the American Revolution: in Boston, Massachusetts. A rising star in the Asian-American artistic community, **BROWNSTAR** merges high-energy comedy, personal memoir, and science fiction to ignite a conversation about the South Asian American community and give a generation its voice and song.

Beau Sia

Beau Sia is an American of Chinese descent, the child of immigrants from the Philippines. He is an original cast member of the tony award winning def poetry jam on Broadway, and has also been featured on all seasons of the HBO show by the same name. His work appears in documentaries, anthologies, CD's, and videos, and he has been fortunate enough to share his work all over. He has also had minor roles in the films Slam, Hitch, the Manchurian Candidate, and Rachel Getting Married. He tends to forget the things one should put in bios, but thankfully, there is the internet. He was born in the year of the dragon and he is committed to learning from everything for the rest of his life.





Staceyann Chin

Staceyann Chin is a fulltime artist. A resident of New York City and a Jamaican National, she has been an "out poet and political activist" since 1998. From the rousing cheers of the Nuyorican Poets' Cafe to one-woman shows Off- Broadway to poetry workshops in Denmark and London to co-writer and performer in the Tony nominated, Russell Simmons Def Poetry Jam on Broadway, Chin credits the long list of "things she has done" to her grandmother's hard-working history and the pain of her mother's absence.

Paul 'PK' Kim

PK stands for Paul Kim and Preacher's Kid. He was born and raised in the rough streets of south central Burbank, California.

He is the founder and director of an annual international Korean talent show called Kollaboration, which draws over 3,000 people in LA, Chicago, NY, & Toronto. He is also the director of an annual Pan Asian talent show titled Asian Elevation which draws over 1,500 in attendance. He is the co-founder of Liberty in North Korea (LiNK), a non-profit group that raises awareness for human rights. He was the host of Asian Nights at The World Famous Laugh Factory in Hollywood for three years, hosted a weekly show on AM1230 Radio Korea, was a winner on Ed McMahon's 'Next Big Star,' and has performed stand up comedy in over 20 states across the United States. His passion is empowering the community through entertainment and laughing really loud with friends. PK website:

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