

Ariel Luckey is a nationally acclaimed poet, actor, and playwright whose community and performance work dances in the crossroads of education, art, and activism. Named a “Visionary” by the Utne Reader, Ariel seamlessly weaves storytelling, spoken word poetry, dance, acting, and hip hop music in compelling narratives of personal and political transformation. Born and raised in Oakland, California, he has been a featured artist at the North Bay Hip Hop Theater Festival, the Hecho en Califas Festival, Café Cantante in Havana, Cuba, the Nuyorican Poets Café in New York City, the White Privilege Conference, and the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity. Ariel’s hip hop theater show, *Free Land*, and his first book of poetry and lyrics, *Searching for White Folk Soul*, have inspired and informed audiences at theaters, conferences, community centers, and classrooms across the country. Ariel sees his community work in the world as an extension of his most precious and important work as father to his two sons.