

JOE HERNANDEZ-KOLSKI

ACTOR/SPOKEN WORD ARTIST



A man whose spoken word is hard-hitting, honest, and incredibly funny, Hernandez-Kolski offers a fresh voice that's rockin' colleges all over the country. Having never left an audience without a standing ovation, Hernandez-Kolski is fervently committed to both entertaining and challenging people with his intimate, cutting-edge performances. Known as "Pocho Joe," he is helping shape the dialogue and minds of today's youth.

An actor and spoken word poet, Hernandez-Kolski tours the country with his lecture and performance, *Refried Latino Pride*. He appeared in "The Bomb-itty of Errors," a rollicking hip-hop version of Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," and received thunderous applause for his performance on the season finale of HBO's *Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry*.

With remarkable energy and searing commentary, Hernandez-Kolski draws audiences in, evoking both laughter and personal reflection. Unafraid to reveal all truths, Hernandez-Kolski takes chances and cleverly engages audiences in what proves to be an unforgettable experience.

Currently hosting Si TV's *Not So Foreign Filmmakers Showcase* for independent filmmakers, Hernandez-Kolski also reaches out to several organizations throughout Los Angeles, teaching hip-hop and spoken word workshops to high school youth. Says Hernandez-Kolski: "If I can help lead a person towards their true passion, that's all that I could ever ask for."

TOPICS

- Refried Latino Pride
- Don't Forget the Hyphen!
- Todos Somos Pochos
- Half Brown Like Me: Ethnicity Other
- The Universal Language of Theater

COMMENTS

"Joe's work offers a fresh perspective that is both honest and insightful."

- Cornel West

"Joe is an inspiring voice and talent. His work is humorous and powerful. His commitment to his work is undeniable."

- Saul Williams



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