

# City Love

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*“In City Love, two gentle, humble teachers and musicians bring us powerful lyrics with mobilizing rhythms—inviting us into a conversation about race in America. They sing about racial justice in a way that is critical, inspiring and concurrent with the ideas about race and America found in both activist and academic spaces today. A performance from City Love would be a great way to begin—or sustain—dialogue about race in school. Their music makes you want to dance—sing—cry—speak out—and unite.”* - **Ali Michael, PhD, Director of Consulting and Professional Development at the University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education**



## **About:**

We are City Love (Sterling Duns and Caselli Jordan), a West Philly conscious acoustic duo with harmonies, hip hop, cajon, guitar, and mandolin. From the heart. For the people. We are educators and musicians who write songs to spread the love, make people move, make people laugh, and foster dialogue about the issues of our times. Our music is a meeting point between the city and the suburbs; between black and white; heavy and light. We want to bring people together and work to help heal the racial divide in our country. We synthesize the power of music and deep conversation to reach audiences in ways that dialogue alone often cannot.

City Love offers interactive performances and workshops to help schools and campuses across the country build student communities based on empathy, belonging, and awareness of social justice issues. City Love's songs explore issues of white privilege, structural racism, hope, struggle, unity, and positive change in a way that circumvents the walls we build, touching both hearts and minds in order to truly shift culture on campus.

## **Past Performances and Workshops:**

- Top 5 finalists for Philadelphia City Council's 2017 PHL Live competition
- The 2016 White Privilege Conference
- The 2016 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity
- The 2016 Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools Biennial Conference
- The 2015 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity
- Swarthmore College
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Minnesota
- The University of Pennsylvania Summit on Teaching Students About Race
- Dickinson College
- Ursinus College
- Haverford College
- Pendle Hill's conference on Ending Mass Incarceration with Michelle Alexander
- The United Opt Out Conference
- The American Friends Service Committee 99th annual meeting, opening for Dr. Reverend Barber
- Top 5 finalists for Philadelphia City Council's 2016 PHL Live Competition
- The Philadelphia School
- Friends Central School
- Friends School Haverford
- Germantown Friends School
- Pennswood Village Retirement Home

## **Music Videos:**

Colorblind - <https://youtu.be/2dghWAX36Hs>

Show Some Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTRwm1Eot2M>

Forgiveness Is Peace - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sX3RNpEKMK0>

Be Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeKHS5J9FsY>

Millennial Babies - [https://youtu.be/J2\\_iaKFXq8g](https://youtu.be/J2_iaKFXq8g)

## **Sterling Duns (Dwight Dunston)**



Sterling Duns is a West Philly based hip-hop artist, musician, educator, and organizer. He holds a BA in English from Dickinson College and an MA in Poetry from the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England. Sterling is currently Assistant Director of Admissions and clerk of the Diversity Board at Friends Central School as well as serving on numerous boards throughout Philadelphia and speaking at colleges and conferences throughout the country.

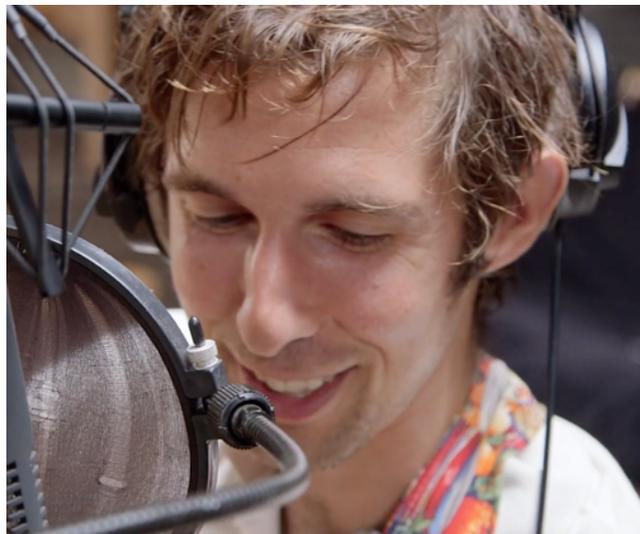
Sterling has performed throughout the world with numerous groups, such as Hardwork Movement, and his passion for music stems from his desire to make sense of the events that make our lives unique and intertwined, all at once. Sterling has worked with youth from all different backgrounds, at summer camps and in classrooms, for the last 10+ years and truly believes that if we empower and inspire the youth of today, our future will be in great hands.

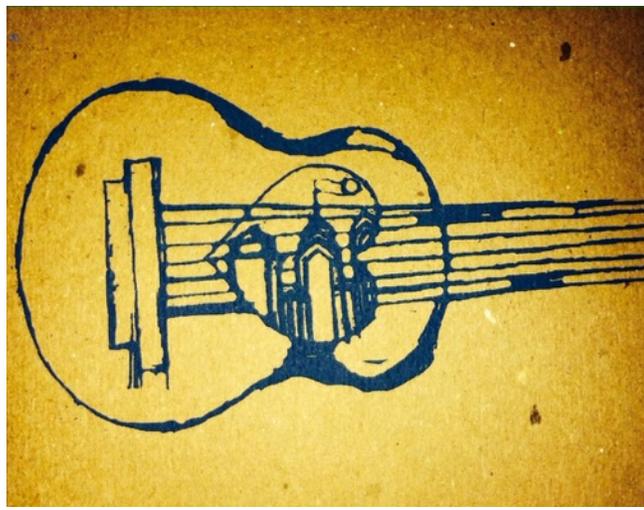
## **Caselli (Brian) Jordan**

Caselli Jordan is an artist and educator who uses music to internalize and distill his studies and experiences into songs that can help foster broader awareness of social justice issues. He holds a B.S. in Italian and Environmental Studies from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and a Holistic Nutrition Educator certificate from Bauman College.

Caselli has performed around the world and recently won the PHL Live competition for the Jazz music category.

Caselli has worked as an educator in a wide variety of settings and capacities for 9 years, from Faculty Assistant teaching Italian at the University of Wisconsin Madison to Kindergarten teacher and garden educator at The Philadelphia School, and everywhere in between. Caselli is very excited to use music to cultivate dialogue, community, and resolution around some of the urgent social challenges we face in our times.





## Testimonials:

*"City Love's work is insightful, thought provoking, and engaging. I see City Love contributing to schools by supporting healthy identity development, increasing empathy and understanding across diverse groups, and helping with conflict resolution. As an administrator at an independent school, I know that there is a deep need for their programs."* - **Frances Hoover, Director of Admissions and Diversity at The Philadelphia School**

*"A perfectly pitched presentation for middle school students generally and our middle school students specifically. The transformative power of the arts as a medium for discussing highly charged issues, especially at a time in life when people are trying to figure out who they are and how they want to be, was compelling, inspiring, and enriching."* - **Michael Zimmerman, Head of School at Friends School Haverford**

*"Thank you so much for sharing your musical gifts with us at "Ending Mass Incarceration and the New Jim Crow." I think the performance at our opening worship set the tone for our time together perfectly - It grounded us in Spirit, recognized our spiritual ancestors who have walked hard roads ahead of us, and called into the space those our society has shunned and shunted off to remote exile, all the while encouraging us to move forward with hope."* - **John Meyer, Education Coordinator at Pendle Hill**

## Contact and Booking:

If you would like to bring City Love to your school, university, conference, organization, or business for an interactive and heart-provoking performance, or a workshop tailored to your institution's needs and goals, please contact us at [CityLovePhilly@gmail.com](mailto:CityLovePhilly@gmail.com) or call Caselli Jordan at (608) 213-6107.