



**MICHAEL ELLISON**  
***MUSICIAN, ACTOR & ACTIVIST***

Michael "MIKE-E" Ellison is a recording artist, poet, producer, and actor with credits that span film, theatre, and television. Born in Ethiopia where he supports several orphan and healthcare initiatives, MIKE-E's song "Ethiopia (Everything Will Be Alright)" remains one of the country's most popular hits. Stateside, the Detroit-based performer is recognized for repeat performances on HBO's *Def Poetry Jam* and teaming with the American Cancer Society to create and headline the AfroFlow Tour, a nationwide initiative that utilizes concerts and extensive community outreach to promote cancer awareness and tobacco cessation and prevention.

With a BA in communications from the University of Virginia, Ellison wrote, produced, and appeared in a series of PSAs for the Society. Meaning "flowing from Africa," his music highlights hip-hop's indigenous roots and progressive messages. MIKE-E's inaugural "AfroFlow" project became the first hip-hop CD sold by the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the world's largest institution dedicated to the African American experience.

**TOPICS:**

- AfroFlow: Cancer Awareness & Tobacco Cessation/Prevention
- Ethiopia: Everything Will Be Alright