



**Tuaca Kelly** is an American poet, spoken word artist, improvisational performer, event host/emcee, and singer/songwriter - most known for her unique wordplay, uncanny improvisation, unpredictable humor and ability to connect with the audience.

**Spoken Word | 2023 – 2024**

- Unwanted Words
- Framer Framed
- Word Up
- Pleasure Poetry Slam
- Labyrinth
- Writer’s Guide to the Galaxy
- American Book Center
- Voices Unleashed
- Tell ‘em Poetry International

"Tuaca Kelly — Tilda Swinton-y even while performing as 'the entire cast of Star Trek' — seemed comfortable portraying everything from Queen Elizabeth to an 8-year-old nerd." — BackStage West

**Profile**

[www.lovethemessenger.com/poet](http://www.lovethemessenger.com/poet)  
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**Theatre**

*The Los Hombres Improv Troupe*, Cast Member  
The Improv - Los Angeles | 2003-2004

*Nude*  
Highways at 18th Street Art Complex | 2002

*Genius*  
Highways at 18th Street Art Complex | 2002

Anon Improv Ensemble for Jump!  
Luna Park - West Hollywood | 2000

Improv w/Nina Wise | Anne Lamont, Peter Coyote  
Larkspur Theater | 1998

**Training & Education**

**Improv:**

- Nina Wise
- Paula Shaw
- Mary Squatagatza

**Acting:**

- Kay Kostopolis Amarotico of ACT / Stanford
- David Parr of ACT / Stanford
- Jean-Claude Van Italle

**Voice:**

- Gary Catona, (Tony Bennett, Whitney Houston)
- Robert Edwards, (Pat Benatar, Christina Aguilera)

**TV:**

- David Parr of ACT / CCSF / Stanford
- Joan Marachell
- Nancy Hayes

**Music**

- Spotlight Jazz and Blues Fundraiser - Amsterdam
- Sappho International Women’s Festival - Lesvos
- Talent Project McCallum Theatre - Palm Desert
- Chick Singer Night - Brown Derby - Los Angeles
- Chick Singer Night - Blue Bird Cafe’ - Nashville
- Caribbean Music Fest - Grand Cayman
- Rooster Radio - Grand Cayman
- Olivia Cruise
- San Francisco Gay Pride – Main Stage - San Francisco
- Santa Barbara + Long Beach + West Hollywood Gay Pride
- International Gay Rodeo - California State

**Film**

- Memoir Of An Evil Stepmother*, cowgirl mourner  
Directed by Cherien Dabis | 2004
- Final Analysis*, stand-in - Uma Thurman  
Directed by Phil Joanou | 1992
- Memoirs of an Invisible Man*, stand-in - Daryl Hannah  
Directed by John Carpenter | 1992
- Bay City Story*, stand-in - Rachel York  
Directed by Alan Smithee | 1992
- The Doors, hippie background actor  
Directed by Oliver Stone | 1991
- Code of Honor, karate student  
Philippines, Sensei Levi Ignacio
- Sesame Street, animal educator/self  
PBS / KQED