

***Max Parthas*** is a multi-published, multi-recorded, Spoken Word Artist, Slavery Abolitionist, and Social justice Activist.  Mentored by poetic activist legends [Abiodun Oyewole](https://www.thehistorymakers.org/biography/abiodun-oyewole-41) of ***The Last Poets***, and the leader of the ***Black Arts movement*** [Amiri Baraka](https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/amiri-baraka), Max comes from a proud lineage of artistic social changemakers. In addition to being named national Poet of The Year twice, he is the recipient of the [Missouri CURE Marc Taylor Activism Award](http://www.missouricure.org/Summer_2016.pdf), the Will Bell Humanitarian Award, and the “In The Spirit of Malcolm X” award from MX Media for his abolitionist activism.

His decades long volunteer work includes being the current Acting Director for the [Paul Cuffee Abolitionist Center](https://www.facebook.com/AbolitionistCenter/) in Sumpter, SC. National Campaign Coordinator for the [Abolish Slavery National Network](https://abolishslavery.us/). *Abolishslavery.us*. and Co-host/Executive producer of [Abolition Today](https://www.blogtalkradio.com/abolitiontoday) (a unique online modern-slavery abolition episodic podcast with an international audience.) *abolitiontoday.org*

In the past few years Max Parthas was instrumental in organizing two of [the largest prison slavery work strikes in US history](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/aug/20/prison-labor-protest-america-jailhouse-lawyers-speak). (2017/2018) where he also spoke as a keynote speaker. He directly assisted in removing slavery exception clauses from the state constitutions of [Colorado](https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/11/6/18056408/colorado-election-results-amendment-a-slavery-forced-prison-labor-passes) (2018), [Utah](https://www.wreg.com/news/utah-voters-remove-slavery-as-punishment-for-a-crime-from-constitution/), and [Nebraska](https://www.3newsnow.com/news/election-2020/nebraska-votes-to-remove-slavery-language-from-state-constitution) (2020). And aided in [divestment campaigns](https://www.okayplayer.com/news/black-students-are-mobilizing-against-prison-labor-exploitation-at-their-universities.html?fbclid=IwAR3dxPhKnElGVXwsywOBMBeKFTE-AfSdUWvw6As2mbytAZETYwnhjK0Unvg) that have cost private prison industries over 15 billion dollars to date, and according to recent speculations, left one of the largest privately owned corporations on earth (The GEO Group) [near bankruptcy](https://seekingalpha.com/article/4431362-geo-group-on-edge-of-bankruptcy). 48% chance.

Max has also been key to organizing over 30 states under the ASNN objective of ending constitutional slavery. [Tennessee](https://tnsenatedems.medium.com/state-legislature-approves-2022-ballot-initiative-to-abolish-slavery-from-tennessee-constitution-a8d6009f5f34), [Vermont](https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/PR.2), and [Oregon](https://news.ballotpedia.org/2021/06/29/oregon-voters-to-decide-on-removing-slavery-and-involuntary-servitude-as-criminal-punishment-from-state-constitution-in-2022/) are already a ballot item for 2022 and [over a dozen others states](https://www.facebook.com/MaxParthas/videos/10159139749187290) presently have similar anti-slavery legislation making its way through bill processes.

On June 19th 2021 (Juneteenth) Max played an important role in the introduction of the “[abolition Amendment](https://apnews.com/article/or-state-wire-race-and-ethnicity-lifestyle-juneteenth-963c58a1a19ba501f5677343b9c786e0)” which will counter the slavery exception clause found in the 13th amendment. [Ending constitutional slavery under a federal joint resolution](http://endtheexception.com).

Max Parthas currently resides in Sumter, SC with Wife of 35 years [Tribal Raine](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dblze-Uxi5k&t=14s). An iconic Spoken Word Artist in her own right. Together they are known as [Maximum Impact Poetry.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwmzuMtOOpM)
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