

Sidnitra Christine Bates

FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, A2THETHIRD, INC.



Sidnitra Christine Bates is a versatile artist, author, and artisan dedicated to fostering creative expression through practice, teaching, and advocacy. As a Visual Arts Educator in Prince George's County and an active leader in her spiritual community, she inspires artists of all ages.

Sidnitra is the founder of A2theThird, Inc., an organization that empowers creatives by expanding access to vital opportunities and resources. Through its arts-based outreach arm, Phi Zeta Epsilon, she leads initiatives that distribute food, essential supplies, and creative materials to youth and families across Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Georgia.

An accomplished creator, Ms. Bates has authored over 20 books and journals, produced The Blessed Cafe Podcast since 2023, and created public art, including her selection as a 2024 Arlington Moving Words Poetry winner. Her poetry and artwork have been commissioned by both local and national audiences.

Her latest release, *Petals of Discovery: The Fire Within* (Vol. 1, Deluxe), is her most unique project to date. Spanning three years of writing, this interactive creativity workbook pairs free-verse poetry with deep reflection, guiding readers through a personal journey of faith, grief, love, triumph, and expanding consciousness.

Sidnitra holds a degree from Clark Atlanta University and is currently pursuing a Master's in Special Education at Bowie State University. She is the proud mother of two sons, Benjamin and Zion, grandmother to Bryson, and pet mom to her Russian Blue cat, Joshua.

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