

Simon Tam

Founder of The Slants



Simon Tam is an author, musician, entrepreneur, and activist.

He is best known as the founder and bassist of The Slants, the world's first and only all-Asian American dance rock band. His work in the arts has been highlighted in over 3,000 media features across 150 countries including The Daily Show with Trevor Noah, BBC, NPR, *TIME* Magazine, and *Rolling Stone*.

He was named a champion of diverse issues by the White House and worked with President Barack Obama's campaign to fight bullying. He recently helped expand freedom of speech through winning a unanimous victory at the Supreme Court of the United States for a landmark case in constitutional and trademark law (*Matal v. Tam*).

Tam has been a keynote speaker, performer, and presenter at TEDx, SXSW, Comic-Con, The Department of Defense, Stanford University, and over 1,200 events across North America, Europe, and Asia. He has set a world record by appearing on the TEDx stage 12 times.

He designed one of the first college-accredited social media programs in the United States. *Bloomberg Businessweek* called him a "Social Media Rockstar." *Forbes* says his resume is a "paragon of completeness."

Recently, he was recognized as a Freedom Fighter by the Roosevelt Rough Writers, named Citizen of the Year from the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Portland Lodge, Portland Rising Star from the Light a Fire Awards, received a Distinguished Alum Award from Marylhurst University, and the Mark T. Banner Award from the American Bar Association.

He serves as board Chair for the APANO United Communities Fund and as a member/advisor for multiple nonprofit organizations dedicated to social justice and the arts.

You can find Tam's appearances, writing, and current projects at www.simontam.org.



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