

Simon Tam, The Slants

Simon Tam is an award-winning musician, author, entrepreneur, and social justice activist. Simon has been a performer, presenter, and keynote at TEDx, SXSW, Comic-Con, The Department of Defense, Stanford University, and over 1,200 other events across North America, Europe, and Asia. He has set a world record by appearing on the TEDx stage 10 times. He is best known as the founder and bassist of The Slants, the world's first and only all-Asian American dance rock and anti-racism band. His approach to activism through the arts has been highlighted in over 2,500 media features across 88 countries, including BBC World News, NPR, TIME Magazine, and Rolling Stone. His work has involved collaborations with President Barack Obama, George Takei, and Jeremy Lin through the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to fight bullying. Simon has been fighting a landmark case against the United States Trademark Office, which recently helped expand constitutional rights for marginalized communities. The case is now pending before the Supreme Court.