



*“Zoro’s heart, discipline, and passion are what propelled him to greatness... His music and life lessons are about using your God-given talents to the maximum.”*

**–Lenny Kravitz**

Grammy Award-winning recording artist and actor

# A VOICE FOR THE GENERATIONS

Known by musicians around the world as the “Minister of Groove,” Zoro is an internationally-renowned rock star, one of the world’s most respected and award-winning drummers. Throughout more than thirty years of his career, Zoro has been consistently voted the #1 R&B drummer and clinician by the premier music industry publications *Modern Drummer*, *Drum!*, and *Rhythm Magazine*.

Zoro has toured and recorded with some of the most famous legends in the music industry including Lenny Kravitz, Bobby Brown, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, New Edition, Jody Watley, Philip Bailey of Earth, Wind & Fire, Angie Stone, Vanessa Paradis, Sean Lennon, Lisa Marie Presley, and Brian King Joseph.

But Zoro breaks the “rock star” stereotype. More than a drummer, he’s a dreamer. With his deep passion for teaching, inspiring, and guiding others to follow their own dreams, his star-studded musical career has catapulted him to a different stage... as a motivational speaker, dynamic storyteller, and inspirational author, sharing his practical wisdom that empowers people to cultivate the greatness that lies within and live out their dreams. A kinetic bundle of human energy and enthusiasm, the Minister of Groove captures audiences and readers with his contagious spirit, sense of humor, and signature hip style.

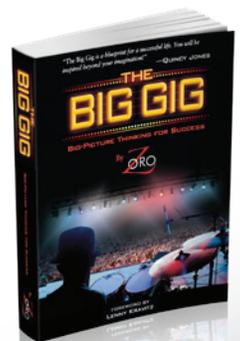
Growing up fatherless as one of seven children, Zoro got a glimpse of life’s harsh realities at an early age. He was raised by an immigrant mother who faced financial, physical, and cultural hardships, yet instilled in him a great sense of hope and the heart of a dreamer.

In his unique voice—direct, clear, powerful—Zoro easily translates his spoken gift to the written page. He has written two critically-acclaimed books, *The Big Gig: Big-Picture Thinking for Success* (2011, Alfred Publishing) and *Soar! 9 Proven Keys for Unlocking Your Limitless Potential* (2016, Emerge Publishing),



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*“If you want a blueprint for a successful and purposeful life, I highly recommend you read Zoro’s Big Gig book. You will be inspired beyond your imagination, in a profoundly deep and meaningful way.”*

**–Quincy Jones**

Grammy Award-winning producer for such musical legends as Michael Jackson, Frank Sinatra, and Ray Charles

which both provide articulate, hard-won wisdom and messages of purpose, passion, and perseverance that light the way for others to reach for higher ground.

In 2013, Zoro was invited to the White House where he was honored as part of the “White House Fatherhood Champions of Change & Convening of Engaging Men and Boys.” Zoro was among a select group recognized for promoting responsible fatherhood and mentoring of boys. He is also a spokesperson for Compassion International and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

In 2009, Zoro established Zoro International Ministries (ZIM), a nonprofit organization that equips young adults with the essential tools needed to harness, develop, and share their gifts in order to live a life of intention, impact, and creative adventure.

A powerful and purposeful communicator, Zoro connects with people from all walks of life across the generations. His impassioned words recently inspired the inmates at the infamous San Quentin State Prison in the same way he invigorated young children in the villages of Ghana, West Africa, and college students across America.

Wherever he goes, Zoro leaves an indelible mark with his words, music, and life and has a profound impact on people who often credit him with changing their lives both personally and professionally. Zoro takes it all in stride, with humility and groundedness, not because he has “been there, done that,” but because in being there and accomplishing so much, he is a role model for others to live their highest vision of who they are.



*“Zoro reminds us of the potential for greatness that lies inside each of us and shows you step by step what it actually takes to achieve excellence in all areas of your life.”*

**–Kathie Lee Gifford**

Cohost of NBC’s *Today Show* and former host of *Live! with Regis and Kathie Lee*

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