

Company Overview

Sound Khemist (L Knight Holdings LLC) is an Oakland-based audio-visual production and cultural experience company serving the Bay Area and Southern California. We provide professional AV and event production combined with deep, lived cultural fluency in African diaspora arts and community programming — pairing technical execution with community trust that general AV vendors cannot replicate.

Core Competencies

- Live audio-visual event support & production
- Recording & podcast content production
- Product demos, experiential activations & staffed equipment rental
- Culturally-rooted arts & experience curation (African diaspora focus)
- Youth mentorship & workforce-readiness integration
- Community / nonprofit event partnership (health, wellness, youth, redevelopment-aligned programming)

Differentiators

- Lived cultural fluency** — embedded in, not external to, African diaspora communities
- Established trust & access** with community leaders and organizations
- Multi-cultural crew** and subcontractor network for culturally-specific staffing
- Sister brand Rally Up Music** — diaspora record label est. 2014, artists across the Caribbean, Africa, and the Americas
- Track record with Bay Area nonprofits since 2018

Past Performance

Technical Operator (Audio / Sound) — City of Oakland-funded events via Oakland Venue Management. Street concerts, pop-up music events, and political events, including full technical / audio operation for the 2025 Oakland mayoral inauguration at Jack London Square. Delivered by founder James Knight as lead technical operator (key personnel experience).

Community Partnerships — Pop-Up Resource Village. Programming and event support reaching the City of San Francisco and City of Oakland, alongside nonprofit partners The Butterfly Movement and Compass and Keys (relationships since 2018).

Commercial Clients. Care by Design, Absolute Extracts, Oscein Cannabis.

Community & Government Focus

- City arts & culture commissions / offices of cultural affairs
- Youth development & at-risk youth organizations
- Redevelopment & economic development agencies
- Community health & wellness programming

COMPANY DATA

LEGAL ENTITY
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Owner-operated · per-project crew network
UEI
Pending registration
CAGE CODE
Pending (auto w/ SAM.gov)
NAICS CODES
512110 (primary), 711320, 561920, 512240, 711510, 532490
CERTIFICATIONS
Under review

Federal registration (SAM.gov / UEI) in process — contact for current status.