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B. TAYLOR

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Special Connection to Foster Care



B Taylor a renowned hip hop artist is passionate, gifted, and ambitious force in both the realm of music and the world of business. With the remarkable ability to masterfully play four musical instruments—drums, piano, organ, and guitar—he writes, composes and produces his own hip hop music, as well as R&B, jazz and classical rock.

His impressive musical abilities have earned him the title of the first Urban Ambassador for the United States, in which he has served under high-ranking officials such as President George W. Bush, Barack Obama, Donald Trump. Taylor's title allows him to sit in during the meetings between the heads of the states and therefore has a strong and educated presence in matters concerning cultural and urban affairs.

Taylor's story and his rise to fame began with a humble love and appreciation for music. Born and raised in a small town of Pereira, Illinois, Taylor grew up alongside his father, who was a second-generation preacher, and his mother, the Director of Music at the local church. Knowing of her son's affinity for playing the drums and witnessing his talent first-hand, she persuaded him to take up the piano.


Reluctant at first, he took her suggestion to heart and became a skilled pianist and drummer. Taylor went to graduate from the University of Missouri as a student athlete before he enrolled in the U.S. Navy. At some point during his service, Taylor played Stevie Wonder's *A Ribbon in the Sky* and was consequently noticed by a young man. Enthralled by work, he explained to

Taylor that the song was his mother's favorite and requested that he play it for her upcoming birthday party. He accepted, and later discovered the young man was the brother of Calvin Cordozar Broadus, the famous musician Snoop Dog. Impressed by Taylor's performance, invited him to his recording studio, where he met Cuba Gooding Sr., the lead singer from the Main Ingredient. Gooding was pleased with Taylor's skill and offered to take him under his tutelage. He eventually introduced the rising star to the founder of Motown, who adopted Taylor as the "Steve Wonder of Motown".

Taylor stayed with Gooding until the U.S. Navy granted him an honorable discharge in order to pursue the National Football League (and his career in music. Taylor attributes much of his much of his success to Gooding's generosity.

His love for his mentor as well as the lingering pain of his death in 2017—was enough to bring him to tears.

"Mr. Gooding did so much for me," he said. "He really wanted to see me become successful in my music career. I will never forget how positive he was." Taylor has had an impressive litany of achievements in his musical career, and continues to grow. He has performed at the 100th Anniversary of the Naval Concert in the Navy's musical ensemble the Cruisers; performed the national Anthem for former President Barack Obama; recorded *Fire in Your Eyes* with Pauley Perrette from the TV drama *NCIS*; was the first hip hop



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Taylor not only has musical talent, he also has a heart for the people.

artist to shoot a music video on the military aircraft carrier; the first hip hop artist to be endorsed by Motown Legends; became the number one on the *Billboard* Hot R&B Single sales; and was the first African American to serve as the Global Ambassador of the Music and Entertainment for the U.S. Military, veterans, and first responders. In the near future, Taylor plans to release his newest single titled *Feista, Ole Hot Mami*, as well as a remix of 1 Life United. He desires to stand as a role model for the youth and uses his music to encourage respect for the military, defense workers, and police officers. His goal is to help develop a positive outlook.

As the founder of Nevada Admirals and supporter of other non-profit organizations, Taylor is a seasoned businessman who puts his efforts into helping underprivileged children and low-income individuals. Taylor plans to speak to child welfare agencies across the nation in an effort to encourage people to nominate talented youth for awards. He has also formed a football team for underprivileged boys aged 12-18 years old, where he plans to not only teach football drills, but also inspire them to make a positive difference in the world. His 1 Life Movement is currently pushing to reach the goal of getting 500,000 people to impact the life of someone in need.



B. Taylor is on a mission to spread love, peace and happiness. To listen to his music go to: btaylor.com



FROM FOSTER CARE TO FAME



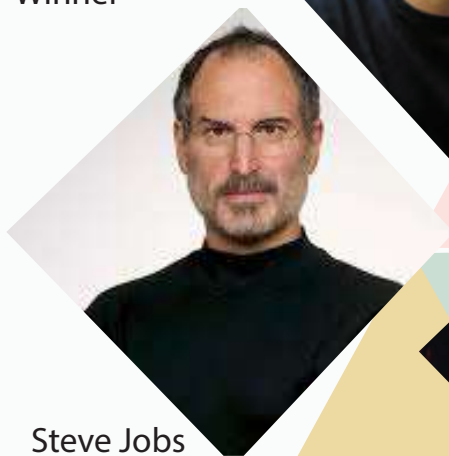
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Ask Lillie
(These are my opinions)

Words of Wisdom

Dear Lillie,

My son wants to start dating but he is only 13 what I should tell him?

-Betty

Hello Betty,

I know this is hard for you because he is growing up. However, this is a good time to have a conversation about the birds and the bee's with him. Let him know when you think its "OK to date." Maybe 13 is too soon but it really your call.

Hello Lillie,

My daughter has come home two hours late from school three times this month. She says nothing is going on and I should trust her. I'm worried. What should I do?

-Sharell

Hello Sharell,

You need to find out what is going on. Sit down with her and tell her why your concerned. Explain why your worried and let her her know where she is at all times or you will pick her up from school.

Ask Lillie is a Parenting and Youth advise column. The advise and comments are the sole opinions of Lillie, a mother of four, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grand children. Her no-nonsense advise is based on her opinion and decades of advocating for the safety and well being of children.

Lillie's views may not reflect the views and or opinion(s) of FAMILY Arts. If you have a parenting question send them in to:

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LOOK

WHO'S ADOPTING

Compared to the rest of the world, United States has the highest number of successful adoptions, but problems still persist for youth connected to the adoption and foster care system. Only 2% of the children who age out of foster care will go to college. 80% of the prison population comprises of adults who were in the foster system.

40% of adopted children live in homes that are culturally and /or racially different from their own. Nationally, 300,000 foster youth age out of foster care every year. *Look Who's* puts the spotlight on the famous people who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need of parents. Supporting Black Card Gifts gives every child we touch the opportunity to change their lives.



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SELF MADE MILLIONAIRE GIVES AMAZING TIPS TO FOSTER GIRLS

By Kristal, 18

Stacie Turner, a former foster child who made herself into a multi-millionaire philanthropist and real estate agent gives back in a spectacular way to fostered girls in Washington, D.C.

Orphaned since infancy, Turner was adopted by a loving family who not only gave her a home but countless opportunities to challenge herself



intellectually and to grow through new experiences. Her adoptive family's generosity enabled her to travel, have easy access to books, nurture life-long friendships, and make warm childhood memories. Turner went on to start a non-profit organization that would provide mentors and cultural opportunities to teenage girls. With the intent to inspire capable young women to overcome their Washington, D.C. to attend an

hardships and pursue their dreams, she recruited eight foster girls from organized trip half-way across the globe. Partnered with a camera crew from *Black Entertainment Television (BET)*, the extraordinary experience was documented and has been shown in 54 countries!

Originally from Alexandria, Virginia, Turner left the D.C. metro area in order to fulfill her desire for education and to widen her opportunities for employment.

A graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C., she earned a MBA from Harvard Business School and has since had success managing consumer product brands at *Procter & Gamble*, *Sprint Corporation*, and *BET*. In her later career as a real estate investor, Turner bought and sold over 250 million dollars of real estate properties over 20 years. She believes her greatest success, however, is her decision to give back to the foster community and instill in young girls the courage to broaden their dreams.

Despite her credentials, Turner is known for her humility and revered for her giving back. She is amazing!

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