

Saturday, April 26, 2025

5:30-10PM ET | BRIC House





Dear Community Producers,

On behalf of the staff and Board of BRIC, we thank you for your invaluable contributions to Brooklyn Free Speech TV. Storytelling is at the heart of our mission, and uplifting the voices of our community is what we're most proud of. Thank you for trusting us to be your platform, and for sharing your stories with the passion, honesty and humor we know is at the heart of Brooklyn.

As the home of Brooklyn's Public Access television network, BRIC is here to serve you. We provide the educational resources, tools

and facilities, but you make the true magic happen. The B Free Awards are a celebration of your labor of love.

Tonight, we thank each of you for your commitment to free speech. Congratulations to our honorees. We can't wait to see what you'll make next.

Wes Jackson President, BRIC

#### **ABOUT BRIC**

BRIC presents programs in contemporary art, performing arts, and video that reflect the creativity and diversity of Brooklyn. BRIC also advances and nurtures emerging voices and works-in-progress by local artists and media makers. BRIC supports open access to arts and media by making programs available without charge or at very low cost, through education and public programs, and by enabling and amplifying individual and community voices.

BRIC's Brooklyn Free Speech TV & Podcast Network is your people-focused, Emmy-winning community station.

We level the playing field by offering wallet-friendly courses, free access to gear, and worldwide distribution on our five community media TV channels.

Want to make a podcast? We'll teach you! Need studio space? We've got that! Looking to pitch your content to a network? We've got insiders who will give you a leg up! Want to create mission-driven videos that will take your nonprofit to the next level? Our Emmy-winning BRIC Media Share program which distributes in-kind grants valued at \$6K - \$10K can help. Want to make a documentary? We have a critically-acclaimed, Emmy-nominated documentary program that has produced 52 of the finest filmmakers around.

BRIC is where media dreamers become media makers. Only question is – will you be next?

#### ABOUT BROOKLYN FREE SPEECH

Now celebrating its 35th year, BRIC's Brooklyn Free Speech TV & Podcast network offers the opportunity for anyone, anywhere in the world the unique opportunity to share their voice on the same platform used by mainstream media.

Brooklyn Free Speech TV is a blank canvas – it is you and your compelling, controversial, funny, insightful, and thought provoking content that brings the network to life.

## THE EVENING'S SCHEDULE

#### 7:30PM - Opening Remarks

Wes Jackson, BRIC President Laurie Cumbo, Commissioner, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs

## 7:45PM - Performance & Awards Segment 1

In Memoriam Tribute - Host speaks about Phyllis Roker with image on screen First Amendment

**B** Artistic

**B** Harmonious

NextGen

**B** Documented

## 8:05PM - Performance & Awards Segment 2

Performance: Hip-Hop - Krys X, Pretty Kitty

Global Voice

**B** Hilarious

**B** Informed

Social Media / Impact

Community Voices in Podcast

## 8:35PM - Performance & Awards Segment 3

Public Access Legend Awards

**Production Craftsmanship** 

**B** Cinematic

People's Choice Award

People's Choice Award Podcast

MVP - Most Valuable Producer Award

Performance: Poetry or Hip-Hop - Krys X, Unnerved

Closing Remarks

# MEET THE RED CARPET HOSTS



Sincere Quinones, a native of Coney Island, Brooklyn, overcame challenges like gun violence, drugs, and corruption to rise as a standout youth leader. By age 17, he had launched two businesses, earned a journalism scholarship to St. John's University, and made waves as a kid reporter. He co-created the award-winning kids' show Kids Want To Know on BRIC with his father, Victor Quinones, interviewing celebrities, athletes, and rising stars.

Sincere also co-founded Athletic Renovations with his father and close friend Letrell, aiming to restore neglected recreational spaces in communities.

A seasoned host since age 12, he's led events across multiple states and in Europe. He stars as himself in the animated film Vashti on Roku's "Happy Kids" and recently launched a photography brand, Sinflickz. Despite his busy schedule, Sincere remains a community activist, active student, and driven creative, always striving for excellence.



**Elisabeth Rogers** is a self-published author of The Seed, and has earned her certification as a community producer, and certified podcaster through BRIC.

With a strong focus on emotional intelligence and self-awareness, her work empowers individuals, particularly families navigating neurodiversity to heal and grow through selective instruction and practical tools.

## **MEET THE HOSTS**



Angela-Renee Coakley has worked on campaigns for Pepsi, General Mills, Blue Note Jazz Clubs (Asia), Kraft Foods, Independent Film Channel (IFC) and with talent that includes, Chaka Khan, Patti LaBelle, Pharrell, Common, Gretchen Wilson, Lady Antebellum, Zac Brown Band," Mary Wilson of the Supremes, Estelle, John Legend, Robert Altman, Christian Bale and others. Ms. Coakley began her career accidentally helping a friend facilitate an event while on vacation. Thereafter she cut her chops as a production assistant for Sinbad's Soul Music Festivals.

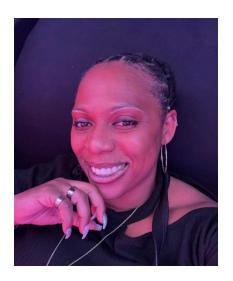
She went on to produce A-list events

and concerts for the likes of Grammy Award winning artists such as Phillip Bailey of Earth, Wind and Fire, CeCe Winans, Kirk Franklin, Gladys Knight and more. To add to her live music event production, she co-produced events for television, including Evening with the Stars for UNCF and a variety show series featuring George Wallace and other comedians for local television in Las Vegas. She makes guest appearances as an on-air talent judge for CBS 5's (Phoenix) Lucky Break. She has also worked in production for the famed Cirque du Soleil's Zumanity. Ms. Coakley was a professionally trained dancer and studied at the acclaimed Alvin Ailey American Dance Center. She enjoys tennis and is an avid player with the USTA.

In the past years campaigns and events have included clients such as Covergirl, Queen Collection, General Mills, Super Bowl, Pepsi, Lipton, NASCAR, JDRF, Demetria Lucas (A Belle In Brooklyn), Sunflower Children, Kwanzaa Crawl and celebrity guests such as Roberta Armani, Prince, Dionne Warwick, BeBe Winans, Terrell Owens, Queen Latifah, Helena Houdova and more.

She created, hosted and produced B-Reel entertainment segments on BRIC TVs former BK Live, produced the acclaimed hip-hop short film "Lost Book of Rap directed by Ron Elliott and created a multi-media storytelling series, Def Stories.

Most recently, as a testament for her love for Brooklyn, she produces and hosts,  $I \heartsuit BK$ , a broadcast series dedicated to highlighting notable people and their experiences in beloved Brooklyn. (Replays on BRIC TV or follow @ILoveBKTV)



A native New Yorker, **Jessica Mason**, has had interest in Television, media and production from a young age. She fell in love with the camera in High School while taking a video production class. She then went to Sullivan County Community College to study Communication and Media Arts.

Mason began her career working in print for the New Paltz Oracle newspaper as a Staff writer and Copy Editor, while earning her B.A in Journalism from the State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz. Mason began to miss her love for the camera and began filming college sporting events for the University.

She then went on to work for Transit Transit News Magazine, an Emmy award winning television program affiliated with the MTA New York City Transit Authority as an Associate and Field Producer. To fulfill her love for both writing and filming, Mason continued to work with Transit while obtaining her Master's degree in Media Studies from Brooklyn College; where she also worked as a Teacher Assistant. Mason is currently an Adjunct Professor in the Mass Communications department at Medgar Evers College. She is also managing the Adult Media Education department at BRIC.

# MEET THE PERFORMERS



## **DJ Majestic Fe**

Stepping out from Brooklyn, NY
Jamaican-American DJ Majestic Fe is the
one to keep you moving on the dance floor.
Her experience in DJing started out in college
radio while attending USF in Tampa Fl. Her DJ
skills come with over 15 years of experience.
She is ready to bring the vibes that will have
you grooving for any occasion or event. Whether
its Throwback Jamz to the current top 20 music,
DJ Majestic Fe is here to play music for everyone.
When not DJing some of DJ Majestic Fe's other
hobbies include reading books, dancing,
meditation and traveling.



## **Noel Mcdonald Aka TASTY Chocolatedrop**

is a singer Songwriter Producer of Tasty
Entertainment & BRIC TV Studios & is one of the
most prominent & distinctive producers of our
Network & business establishment & is dedicated
& responsible and reliable and supports us &
represents us well. He's very supportive and
helpful to all his production team& staff.
Welcomes & embraces everyone & connects
with those who want to be a part of this industry
& business and encourages everyone to b more
productive & builds them up like family.



## Krys X.

"I am a rapper, poet, and activist from East New York, Brooklyn. In my work, I explore the themes of black love, racial equity, true liberation, transformation, and what all those mean together as they exist in my everyday life. I also explore sexuality and the freedom to express that as a black queer woman. I have made it my mission to be a voice for the voiceless. I celebrate my Caribbean heritage, and encourage my listeners to have confidence in themselves, live healthy lives, and follow their creative passions."

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