



Author R. Jay Jay Johnson presents inspiring message during Black History Month

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WASHINGTON, DC (March 5, 2009) Sunday, February 22, R. Jay Jay Johnson addressed a crowd at Mahogany Restaurant and Lounge during a Black History celebration and fundraiser. The event was held in part by JNA (Jamaica National Association) to highlight the contributions, history, and culture of African-related heritage.

Self-published author, R. Jay Jay Johnson, challenged the audience with thought-provoking messages concerning the importance of reading among children. He stated, *"It is easier to **build strong children than to repair broken men.**"* This quote as stated by the famous abolitionist, Frederick Douglas urges society on a whole to invest in the potential of our children. From an early age, R. Jay Jay Johnson tells about the profound effect reading has had in his life and is encouraging many to join in on his mission to make reading a fundamental role in our children's future.

In his first fiction novel entitled, *The Conductor - Truth Unveiled* he tells the story of a teenager who is diagnosed with schizophrenia. Through a series of events, this apparent impediment empowers him to become a neighborhood superhero and to overcome his negative surroundings.

R. Jay Jay Johnson transforms his own real life experience to his first fiction novel to help our youth appreciate the special talents instilled in all of them. Through his advocacy to build strong children, he hopes to guide, in particular, young African-American males, to a love for reading.

R. Jay Jay Johnson currently lives in Laurel, Maryland and is the father of four children. He is working on his second fictional novel to be released in 2009. For a list of book signings, upcoming events, and to purchase a book, please contact Toon-Ups Publishing at the contact information listed below.

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