Legendary Actor and Philanthropist Danny Glover joins Bayou Soul Youth Literary Conference

Celebrities, Authors, and Reality TV Stars Ascend Upon Baton Rouge for Clarence Nero's Annual Bayou Soul Literary Conference



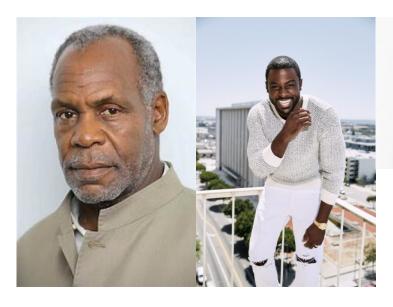
joins this years' Bayou Soul Youth Literary Conference alongside Actor Lance Gross (Tyler Perry's *House of Payne*), Reality TV Star Toya Wright and her mom Anita Johnson (VH1's *T.I. and Tiny: Family Hustle*), Actor Lamman Rucker (*Greanleaf*), Actress Nicole Porche (*I Got the Hook Up 2*), and Celebrity Publicist Love Logan. On Tuesday, July 2ND hundreds of high school and college students from New Orleans, Baton Rouge and surrounding parishes will have the opportunity to attend empowerment seminars and take master classes in the Entertainment Industry, Arts and Crafts (taught by Maya Angelou's nieces), and participate in an essay contest in their aunt's name where students compete for cash prizes and awards. The conference's theme is "Empowering Young Voices."

"This is one event I was looking forward to," Sabunmi Woods said. "My Auntie Maya believed in empowering young people and I'm trying to keep her legacy alive and make a difference."

And that's exactly what many of the authors, speakers, and singers hope to do like a former contestant from "The Voice," Jason Warrior. Both Warrior and Lamman Rucker both return for a second year to help kick off the literary festival in a play written by the founder, Clarence Nero, and based on a student anthology of Baton Rouge Community College students called, "Voices From the Bayou: Baton Rouge Students Confront Racism, Police Brutality and a Historic Flood." The play is supported with a grant from the Mayor's office and RECAST whose sole purpose is to address trauma and help individuals heal in the community. Also, LSU MFA students and Andrew Vastine, Managing Director of the Swine Palace Theatre will all help bring the production to BRCC.

The Bayou Soul Conference is hosted by WAFB Channel 9 News Donovan "Action" Jackson and cosponsored by BRCC Foundation and the Office of Student Life. The event is free, and the program will start at 9 a.m. on the campus of BRCC in the Magnolia Theater. High school students must attend with a guardian or parent and register at <u>WWW.bswliteraryconference.com</u>.

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