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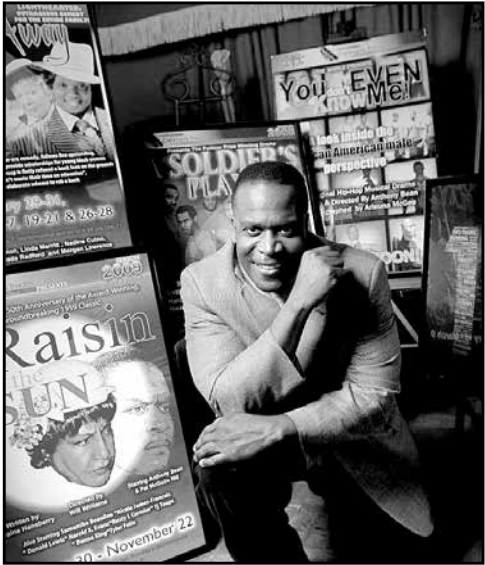
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# Teaching Drama, Building Lives

## Anthony Bean Celebrates 50th Year in Theater



Anthony Bean continues to make an impact in theater. He is celebrating his 50th year of bringing relevant Black stories to the stage.

**Edwin Buggage**  
Editor-in-Chief Data News Weekly

**ABCT - It's More than Theater...It's Culture!**  
It's been 50 years since Anthony Bean first emerged on the theater scene forming the Ethiopi-

an Theater with his brother, the late Jomo Kenyatta Bean. Its goal was to make a positive and relevant African American theater, and to inspire the youth and the community. Bean's talent as a director, teacher and actor continues as his namesake "The Anthony Bean Community Theater" (ABCT) has for over two decades produced award-winning plays,

trained many young actors, and most importantly, uplifted the community. When describing the theater Bean says, "It is more than a training ground for the arts; it is a safe and nurturing environment where the community is stressed, friendship is valued, and personal growth is celebrated."

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### ABCT Summer Camp... Inspiring the Next Generation

Bean's summer camp is a place where young people are nurtured and supported to be their best selves. This is something he's always placed front-and-center since being involved in theater. "I feel theater in general and ABCT in particular is the ideal place for children to learn about the arts and develop creative skills to discover more about themselves and their world," says Bean.

### This year's camp will consist of the following:

ABCT Summer Camp will help children 7 - 17 expand their cultural boundaries and outlook.

ABCT Summer Camp is a full-day theater experience; breakfast and lunch are on-site. Your child will enjoy six weeks of special art activities and high-quality, firsthand workshops, including: theatre - playwriting, performance, production, costuming, lighting, and set building.

Each Friday the camp will stage a talent show/performance where your child will display their creativity and imagination.

### Art that Matters: Changing the Narrative and Empowering the Community

Additionally, ABCT Summer Camp's primary objectives are to instruct each child in teamwork, civic service, and cultural values. "These are truly important times in the lives of our children. Where some believe much of the negative portrayals of them in the mainstream media, that is not or has ever been my experience. I believe all children have the potential for excellence and high achievement in whatever they pursue," Bean says with passion ringing from his voice.

Bean continues, "It is up to us to change the narrative about who we are as a community. Of course, it will take a more intentional commitment from all those in our community to nurture and support our young people as they aspire to their greatness. This is what I have done for my 50 years in theater. I started as a young man working with my peers and now, I am working to water our young people for growth, to become their best selves on and off the stage."

Reflecting on his half century in the arts Bean says, "It just seems



Anthony Bean is passionate about young people. His annual summer acting camp is taking place this year at Southern University at New Orleans. For more information, please call 504-862-PLAY (7529).

like yesterday that I started this great journey, and today I would like to say that this is an honor to continue to serve as an inspiration to my community. But it is not only about me, it is a celebration of all those who have selflessly contributed over the years to the

theater. It is truly about all of us being the best that we can be as a community. For this is the only way we will make things better in the City of New Orleans, not just for the African American community, but for all. This is what my mission has been and continues to

be, and that is to make a positive impact on the city I love."

### PAYMENT & TUITION

**Flat Rate:** The cost of the 6-week session is \$600. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tuition covers all materials (Travel cost, admissions, and daily breakfast and lunch.)

Transportation to and from ABCT is not available.

We accept cash, money order, Visa, Master Card, American Express, or Cash App at \$Anthonybeantheater.com.

Call: (504) 862-PLAY (7529) for an appointment time for an audition/application.

Returning campers must call to confirm availability.

ABCT 6-Week Summer Camp is held this summer at Southern University at New Orleans, 6400 Press Dr. New Orleans, LA 70126

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# Maximizing Your Wardrobe



**Tracee Dundas**  
Fashion Stylist



**If** you knew how to mix and match would it make getting dressed easier?

Does this ever happen to you?

You have a closet full of clothes, but you feel stuck in a rut from not knowing how to make your clothes work together. And find yourself screaming "I've got nothing to wear?"

Who hasn't had this dilemma?! Yet you are staring at a closet full of clothes.

Having a lot of clothes can be as difficult getting dressed every day as having very few options. This typically is because you've never created or defined your style OR you tend to buy random things on sale with no thought to if it's something you need, is it your style or color OR you're a trend follower and haven't really thought about if it will coordinate with other clothes in your closet to maximize your wardrobe.

The idea is to select items that fit you: 1. Style Personality 2. Body Shape 3. Coloring

Here are a few tips on how to maxi-

mize your wardrobe.

1. Take the **INVENTORY TEST**: Allows you an opportunity to evaluate, organize, and clear out your closet of items that you have not worn in the past year or so. It will help you to declutter, dispose, and donate items that are taking up valuable space. Take note of the colors, silhouettes, and do you tend to purchase the same look over and over again, or clothes that works for only one occasion?

2. Start with **BASIC SHAPES**. A classic oxford buttonfront shirt, Cami top, mock turtleneck, flat front pants, A-line skirt, and sheath dress are all classic basic shapes. These items have fewer lines which makes it easier to mix and match clothes with varying lines, shapes, and patterns. They present a challenge to mix and match because they will compete with each other.

3. When a clothing item isn't basic it is referred to as a **COSTUME SHAPE**.

This style can be a great attention grabber, but it is often difficult to pair

with other items in your wardrobe.

4. **SET ASIDE TIME TO EXPERIMENT**. Outfits do not get created by themselves. To create an eye-catching, stylish ensemble that will maximize your wardrobe pieces you have to set aside time to experiment with your clothes, mix and match pieces.

5. **SHOP YOUR CLOSET**: Try it on, do a 360 in the mirror, assess if it works, take a photo for a future reference. Repeat.

6. Create your **COLOR PALETTE** for you. Not all colors work for everyone. Our skin either has warm or cool undertones. Know what colors are most flattering to your skin tone and build a capsule wardrobe around those colors.

7. Build on that **COLOR TEMPERATURE** with other colors that will coordinate with your primary color palette. Pairing pieces harmoniously is a skill to develop through practice. Current fashion rules are neutral tones are a necessity, stripes and animal prints are considered solids or neutrals. Blending tonal

shades of color is a natural combo. Start slow to build your confidence, get feedback from a trusted source and grow from there.

8. **ACCESSORIES** are your best friend! From earrings, scarves, belts, handbags, and shoes; these are inexpensive ways to add variety to basic pieces, jazz up a look, making it fresh and vibrant.

There's nothing more satisfying than when several pieces in your wardrobe automatically work well together. It's important to know that at the heart of the strongest outfits is an unexpected pairing. That's why artistic problem solving is key. Look at your clothes through a fresh lens so you try things you wouldn't have thought to put together. By opening your mind and taking a risk to do something different, you'll more easily create a mix and match outfit that you'll love! And the more you get in your closet and practice, the more trained your eye will become, and the more outfits you'll have that truly define your style.

# Week 2 of Jazz Fest

Photos by Demian Roberts  
Data News Weekly Contributor

The second week of JazzFest was one that was fun filled where people from all over the globe came to enjoy. The rain did not stop festival goers from having a great time. Data News Weekly was there to catch some of the highlights.



Jon Batiste



Dee Dee Bridgewater.



Big Chief Bird and the Young Hunters



Trumpet Mafia



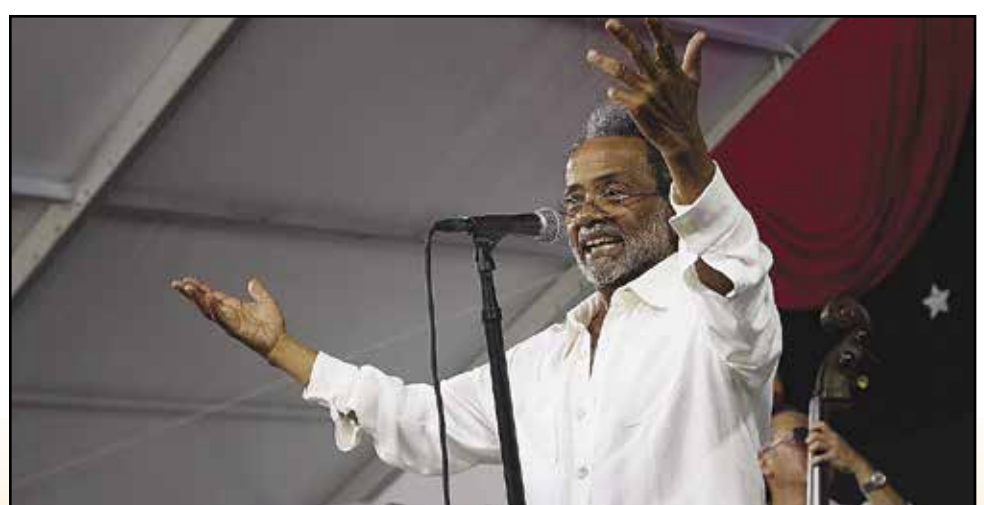
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# Opportunity Hub to Host Technology and Networking Series to Connect the Region's Emerging Innovators

## Data News Staff Edited Report

New Orleans, LA – To scale the equity in New Orleans' emerging technology, startup, and venture ecosystem while investing millions in Black vendors and technology startups, Opportunity Hub is hosting their second monthly OHUB Friday's series.

The event featured a curated conversation with Jasmine Crowe, Founder and CEO of Goodr. OHUB Fridays a monthly authentic networking event and speaker series to connect the region's emerging Black, Hispanic and Indigenous innovators, entrepreneurs, and investors.

"OHUB was excited to continue its proven model for building Black innovation, startup and venture ecosystems from the ground up," said Rodney Sampson, Executive Chairman of OHUB. "Our goal is to ensure that all of New Orleans is equitably included in the future of opportunity."

### About OHUB

Opportunity Hub (OHUB), co-founded in 2013 in Atlanta, GA by Rodney and Shanterria Sampson as a follow up to the highly successful Kingonomics' conferences in Atlanta, GA and Washington, DC grew



Jasmine Crowe & Rodney Sampson



Jasmine Crowe & Rodney Sampson



Angela L. Young



Attendees

to become the largest Black owned multi-campus entrepreneurship center and technology hub in the United States definitively focused on diversity, inclusion and equity as a business development and invest-

ment thesis for the upskilling of in demand technical talent, new high growth company building and innovative capital formation as a path to creating shared prosperity and multi-generational wealth creation

for everyone, everywhere in the future of work, fourth industrial revolution and beyond. Each year, thousands of people learn, engage, build & work via the OHU Ecosystem. Learn more about how OHUB

is leading the charge to scale racial equity in the Fourth Industrial Revolution at OpportunityHub.co and download the new Ecosystem app at [www.EcosystemApp.co](http://www.EcosystemApp.co).

### About Goodr

Founded in 2017, Goodr is a sustainable waste management and hunger relief company that leverages technology and logistics to reduce food waste and fight hunger. Goodr, a certified B-Corp, is built on the principle that food insecurity is not an issue of scarcity; it's a matter of logistics. Goodr offers a variety of Hunger Relief and Food Waste Solutions, which include Surplus Food Recovery, Pop-Up Grocery Markets, and more. Headquartered in Atlanta, Goodr operates nationwide with clients in industries ranging from food service and hospitality to arenas, universities, celebrities and more. As of 2022, Goodr has served nearly 30 million meals to those in need and redirected 12 million pounds of food and organic material away from landfills. The company has also raised over \$10 million to solve food insecurity while reducing the carbon footprint. For more information on Goodr, visit [www.goodr.co](http://www.goodr.co) or follow the company on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn.

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# African American Jobless Rate Hits Lowest in U.S. History

Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Senior  
National Correspondent

According to the freshly published jobs report for April, the jobless rate for African Americans in the United States maintained its steady slide to new historic levels, just one month after hitting a record low for the previous low level ever recorded. On Friday morning, the Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed that the unemployment rate for African Americans dropped below 5% for the first time in US history.

This is new ground for the labor force in the country.

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tenths of a percentage point, a drop that cannot be considered negligible.

The employment report for April showed that the unemployment rate for Black people in the United

States decreased by three-tenths of a percentage point, which is not an insignificant drop. That represents a 4.7% decrease overall.

Meanwhile, the unemployment rate for Black men, in particular, and for Black youths, fell.

After Black women reached a historic low in joblessness in March, their unemployment rate slightly increased, according to a jobs report.

Overall, the rate of joblessness in the United States has fallen to its lowest point in half a century, at 3.4%.

The rate includes white workers, and their rate fell one-tenth of a percentage point, reaching 3.1%.

Bharat Ramamurti, the deputy director of the White House National Economic Council, referred to it as "an incredible milestone."

## Queens on Thrones

# Recording Academy

## Memphis Chapter Block Party in New Orleans



**Diva Dionne Character**  
Female Empowerment  
Columnist

Celebrating 50 years of serving music communities, Grammy Award Winning Musicians from the Memphis Chapter celebrated the 1st Annual Block Party New Orleans style with crawfish, live music and a Hip-Hop Tribute on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation. This event also featured local Grammy Award winners who came out to support Memphis, The Home of The Blues, Soul & Rock n' Roll.

Diva Dionne Character can be reached at [www.characterhollywood.com](http://www.characterhollywood.com)



Dionne Character pictured with members of Water Seed.



Dionne Character (center) pictured with artists Lana J and Tonya Dyson.



Dionne Character with Recording Academy Memphis Chapter President, Sean Ardoin.

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