

Omar Tyree on Black Writing



The Godfather of 1990s Urban Fiction Returns

A Lecture Tour

Omar Tyree, a celebrated and award-winning author, journalist, lecturer, poet, screenwriter, songwriter, and filmmaker from **Philadelphia**, was the youngest star of the **1990s Black Literature** movement. A *New York Times* bestseller, an NAACP Image Award winner, and a Phillis Wheatley Literary Prize recipient for his body of work as the proclaimed “**Godfather of Urban Fiction**”—Tyree now discusses “**The State of Black Writing**,” his own career, and his outlook for the future.

Fresh off the **HBCU** campus of **Howard University**—after completing his first two undergrad years at the **University of Pittsburgh**—Tyree exploded on the literary scene in **October** of **1992**. His literary work caught fire and eventually inspired millions of new readers and thousands of new writers with classic urban fiction that included *Flyy Girl*, *A Do Right Man*, *Single Mom*, *Sweet St. Louis*, *For the Love of Money*, *Just Say No! Leslie*, *Diary of a Groupie*, *What They Want*, *The Last Street Novel*, and *Pecking Order*, along with *Capital City*, *College Boy*, *One Crazy Night* and *Cold Blooded* in his **Urban Griot** series.

Tyree has also published works of nonfiction, children and young adult, poetry, business, international thrillers, short stories and autobiographies, including *Mayor For Life: The Incredible Story of Marion Barry Jr.*—the embattled late mayor of Washington, DC. Tyree will discuss his **beginnings**, **struggles**, **victories**, **failures**, **pros** and **cons** of present-day writing and **what’s next** before answering **questions** from the **audience**.

View more on Omar Tyree @ www.HotLavaEntertainment.com

Tour Series Breakdown

#1) **Daytime Event** ~ Omar Tyree presents a writing workshop to participating classrooms...

#2) **Writing Instructors** ~ Introduce Omar Tyree to the participating students...

#3) **Omar Tyree Speaks** ~ The workshop includes writing books, screenplays, and songs...

#4) **Q&A** ~ Omar Tyree answers student questions on writing...

#5) **Evening Event** ~ Omar Tyree presents a discussion on Black Writing for everyone...

#6) **Selected Students** ~ Introduce the Black Writing event and Omar Tyree to everyone...

#7) **Student Interview** ~ The selected students interview Omar Tyree onstage...

#8) **Q&A** ~ Omar Tyree answers questions from everyone on anything...

#9) **Poetry Bonus** ~ Omar Tyree presents an evening of poetry (if desirable)...

#10) **Poetry Host** ~ Introduces Omar Tyree and a select group of poets to perform...

#11) **Performances** ~ The select group of poets perform onstage before Omar Tyree...

#12) **Grand Finale** ~ Omar Tyree performs his poetry...

Additional Notes

Year 2023 marks **THE 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF *FLYY GIRL***

The urban classic novel based on **Philadelphia's 1980s** hip-hop culture was first published in **April 1993**. Tyree will have **30 YEARS / CLASSIC** stickers for all *Flyy Girl* book buyers and will also sell his first printing of

Poetry: For the Love of Black Women.

Other Omar Tyree books will be available depending on event book orders.