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 **ALJAZEERA**

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER SPECIALIZING IN DROPOUT RECOVERY & TRAUMA MITIGATION

BIOGRAPHY

Muhibb Dyer a native Milwaukeean was born and raised in the infamous 53206 the most incarcerated zipcode in America. Despite the fact that many of his childhood peers fell prey to homicide and incarceration he managed to survive the pitfalls of inner-city life and ultimately graduate from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee with a Bachelor's Degree in Educational Policies and Community studies. While still in college Dyer discovered his passion for using his voice to give hope to the hopeless children of the ghetto, never forgetting the many that were not afforded the same opportunities that he was. 17 years later, he has reached a quarter of a million youth in more than 25 states through his emotionally charged keynote addresses workshops and theatrical presentations.

Living by the mantra "a man's purpose can be found in his pain" and following the tragic murder of his God-son, Preston Blackmer; he co-founded Flood the Hood with Dreams organization and The I Will Not Die Young Campaign, with Kwabena Antoine Nixon.

Wanting to keep his promise to Preston that his death would not be in vain, he has conducted thousands of seminars and speeches in inner city public schools, juvenile correction facilities, adult prisons, colleges, community centers, and educational conferences.

Dyer has been asked to share his wisdom on various television and radio programs and has garnered support for the continuation of his work with youth across the globe. He is driven to prove to all those who are willing to listen, the influence that one man can have, regardless of where he comes from, if he uses his God given voice for change.



CLIENT HISTORY

K-8TH GRADE

Westside Academy – Milwaukee, WI
Audubon – Milwaukee, WI
Edison – Milwaukee, WI
Hopkins Ave – Milwaukee, WI
Auer Ave – Milwaukee, WI
Lafollette Elementary – Milwaukee, WI
Benjamin Franklin – Milwaukee, WI
Burroughs – Milwaukee, WI
John Muir – Milwaukee, WI
Northwest Alternative – Milwaukee, WI
George W. Carver – Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee College Prep – Milwaukee, WI
Dr. Martin Luther King – Milwaukee, WI
Malcolm X Academy – Milwaukee, WI
Siloah Lutheran – Milwaukee, WI
Christ the King School – Milwaukee, WI
South Eastern Alternative – Milwaukee, WI
Cockrill – Nashville, TN
Cora Howe – Nashville, TN

HIGH SCHOOLS

Washington – Milwaukee, WI
Bradley Tech – Milwaukee, WI
South – Milwaukee, WI
North Division – Milwaukee, WI
High School of Arts – Milwaukee, WI
Hamilton – Milwaukee, WI
Marshall – Milwaukee, WI
Pulaski – Milwaukee, WI
Custer – Milwaukee, WI
Riverside – Milwaukee, WI
Juneau – Milwaukee, WI
Vincent – Milwaukee, WI
Wauwatosa East – Wauwatosa, WI
Wauwatosa West – Wauwatosa, WI
Nicolet – Glendale, WI
Shorewood – Shorewood, WI
Asata Alternative. – Milwaukee, WI
Cornerstone Alternative. – Milwaukee, WI
Transition Alternative – Milwaukee, WI
James Madison – Milwaukee, WI
Spotted Eagle Alternative. – Milwaukee, WI
St Charles Alternative. – Milwaukee, WI
Beloit School District – Beloit, WI
Madison West – Madison, WI
La Follette – Madison, WI
Selma High School – Selma, AL
Westinghouse – Pittsburgh, PA
Aiken – Cincinnati, OH
Billy Earl Dade – Dallas, TX
Pearl – Cohn – Nashville, TN
McGavock – Nashville, TN
Winona H.S. – Winona, MN
Hyde Park – Chicago, IL
Austin – Chicago, IL
Black Male Youth Summit – Atlanta, GA
Boys & Girls Club Youth Summit – Gary, IN
Rumble Young Man Rumble – Louisville, KY

JUVENILE CORRECTION FACILITIES

Focus Program – Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee Juvenile Detention Center
Juvenile Dept of Probation & Corrections
Lincoln Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility – WI
Kent County Juvenile Detention Center – Grand Rapids, MI
Racine Youthful Offenders Corrections – WI

BIOGRAPHY – MEDIA APPEARANCES

2002

- National Poetry Slam Finalist (nation's top spoken word competition)
- Performed At ACLU Convention with Muhammad Ali and Dave Chappelle

2004

- Democratic Natl. Convention
- Vote or Die Rally; opening act up for Sean P. Diddy Combs and Mary J Blige
- C Span Appearance

<https://www.c-span.org/person/?muhibbayer>

2005

- BET's Cousin Jeff Show

2006

- Operation Push rally w/Rev Jesse Jackson

2007

- Bloody Sunday commemoration event in Selma, Alabama with Reverend Al Sharpton and Dr. Cornel West

2008

- Milwaukee Area Technical College presentation with Geronimo Pratt

2010

- Opening act for Minister Louis Farrakhan

2011

- Featured in "Sing Your Song: The Life of Harry Belafonte" documentary
- State of Wisconsin 'Outstanding Community Service' Award

2013

- Honored by the National Black Caucus of Elected Officials

2015

- Appeared on 'America Tonight', Al-Jazeera America: Milwaukee's Unlikely Homicide Spike

<http://america.aljazeera.com/watch/shows/america-tonight/2015/10/whats-behind-milwaukees-unlikely-homicide-spike.html>

“Muhibb Dyer has the uncanny ability to connect with youth and inspire educators. His presentations significantly improve school climate”. -

Michael Pratt
Nashville Public
Schools, Educator

BIOGRAPHY – MEDIA APPEARANCES



2016

- Featured in the breakthrough Documentary, ‘Milwaukee 53206’

<http://www.milwaukee53206.com/>

- Appearance on “Democracy Now after a police involved Murder

https://www.democracynow.org/2016/8/15/this_is_the_madness_they_spark

- Noted as one of the “44 Most Influential African-Americans In Wisconsin

<http://madison365.com/black-power-2016-44-influential-african-americans-wisconsin-part-2/>

- Recipient of a \$25,000 donation from the Colin Kaepernick Foundation

<http://theundefeated.com/features/colin-kaepernick-is-making-good-on-his-pledge-to-donate-1-million/>

HEALING YOUR WAY TO HOPE

Keynote/Workshop for Trauma Mitigation

A Need for a Different Approach... in a country where statistically only 59% of African American males graduate from high school, it is imperative that non-traditional methods of reaching the most at-risk youth be explored if we are serious about changing the future of millions in this country. Muhibb Dyer, uses the power of spoken word and inspirational storytelling to facilitate emotional breakthroughs that allow students to see past the painful experiences of their lives and begin to dream again. The keynote/ workshop has been delivered to hundreds of thousands of students all over the country. It is a masterful keynote workshop designed to address the effects of post-traumatic stress in at-risk youth in two ways:

- By helping to curb violent behavior in and out of school
- By attempting to eliminate the loss of hope that leads to school dropout and ultimately a disinterest in life in general.

Healing Your Way to Hope is the essential presentation for schools that are serious about moving the lives of troubled youth forward. Tested time and time again for more than a decade for his effectiveness in reaching the unreachable Muhibb Dyer humbly asks for the opportunity to prove it to you.



HEALING YOUR WAY TO HOPE



“He saved my life! His workshops helped me to see that I was more than the hood I come from. It inspired me to go to college and be a better father to my son, than my father was to me!

Mantrell Williams
Transition High Graduate

EDUCATION OR DEATH

Dropout Recovery Keynote Presentation

Approximately 4,500 black males are murdered in America annually... and the sad reality is, there is no state of emergency declared. No flags lowered at half mast. No moment of silence for the children of the slums all across the inner cities of America; only shrines, teddy bears and flowers that mark the spot of another soul gone too soon. It is in the midst of this environment, motivational speaker Muhibb Dyer has positioned himself metaphorically to stand in between the casket and thousands of children in this country bent on an early demise. His 'Education or Death' keynote presentation is designed to give youth the opportunity to see their mortality up close and on a more personal level, albeit an enacted funeral, in hopes that they will be willing to make the necessary changes to prevent violent death from happening in real life.

The presentation addresses the seductive nature of the streets that lures teenagers away from school and into a life of incarceration and violent death.

The students are given an obituary entitled, 'The Funeral of You', to review as Dyer performs a mock eulogy of a young person. The pivotal moment occurs when the students look into a casket and see their own face in a mirror. The session ends with them signing a pledge to stay in school and not die young.



EDUCATION OR DEATH



“Muhibb Dyer uses his amazing gift and expansive knowledge base to create liberated spaces in schools where youth freely explore their personal trauma. His compassionate approach to healing our youth laid the foundation of the pedagogy of our alternative high school.”

Former Principal
Transition High School
Derrick Rogers



A Drop out Recovery Keynote presentation

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In cities all across the United States of America, neighborhoods in the black community have become reminiscent of those in Iraq. The body count of young black males has reached an all time high, yet few organizations are lobbying to stop the war in the hood. In fact most people have given up; most people have become desensitized to the sound of gunshots, and incarcerated males being hauled off to jail reminiscent of assembly lines.

It is in these times of dire need that the playwright and motivational speaker Muhibb Dyer has created From Kings to Thugs to Presidents as a solution to the realities of life that at-risk youth struggle with.

Artists and playwrights in the African American community historically have always helped to spark movements of change. This play is a return to that tradition. A tradition where art creates a dialogue about the causes of black male homicide and incarceration ultimately leading to solutions; a tradition that inspires youth who view themselves as products of their environments to know they are far more than their environment. A tradition that emphatically exclaims that art for art's sake or solely for the sake of money or anything else is no longer acceptable.



FROM KINGS TO THUGS TO PRESIDENTS



This is the story of the African-American experience, from royal beginnings in Africa to periods of extreme loss and tragedy in the ghettos of America, to the return of greatness that could not be denied in the Presidency of Barack Obama,

This story of trials, tribulations, triumph, and victory attests to the powerful human spirit of a people that have overcome insurmountable odds. A must see for High school students that need to connect with the greatness of their history so that they may know their own true potential for academic success.

FROM KINGS, TO THUGS, TO PRESIDENTS

A Dropout Recovery Keynote Presentation

The objective of this theatrical performance is to to garner the interest of at-risk youth. In each city of the tour, the performance is followed by breakout sessions and workshops led by Muhibb Dyer with the goal of reducing juvenile crime, reinforcing a sense of respect, and promoting dropout recovery, in hopes that the value of education will increase.

Scenes

- HISTORY IS HIS-STORY - African Americans and the media
- ENTER THE KING - African dancing depicts the resilient king.
- WHAT HAPPENED TO US? Highlights destructive behavior in the community.
- STRANGE FRUIT / ENTER THE THUG Likens historical lynching to modern day incarceration.
- I'M THE CHAMPION WITH OR WITHOUT YOU!!! As the main character, Dyer vows to defeat the negativity of the “hood” that wants to see him dead or incarcerated.
- ENTER THE PRESIDENT Like a phoenix, Dyer rises from the ashes and gives his version of a presidential address.
- HOW WILL THEY REMEMBER YOU? Dyer teaches the concept of leaving a legacy.



OTHER PRESENTATIONS

The Compassion Curriculum- is a staff development training facilitated by Mr. Dyer that focuses on the need for educators to prioritize the building of strong compassionate relationships with their students. It is his strong belief that relationship building is the most effective strategy that teachers can employ to ensure their students achieve academic success. It is based off the saying that “a student will never care how much you know until they know how much you care,” simply put, a child must trust you before they give you permission to educate them. Mr. Dyer is committed to spreading this message to as many educators as possible.

The ABC’S of Destroying Your Child’s Future- is a parent workshop that addresses the dysfunction of the home environment, and how it contributes to a student's chronic behavioral issues, increasing their chances of dropping out of school and ultimately becoming a negative statistic. In his 17 years of working with at-risk students Mr. Dyer has found that great parents produce great children, and unfortunately bad parents produce too many bad seeds. If the fruit doesn't fall far from the tree it makes sense to invest more in the empowerment of parents if we are to produce a greater generation of students destined for success.

“ Mr. Dyer is one of the most prolific speakers of our time. At a recent staff training of seven hundred teachers in my district, many of them admitted that the experience was simply life changing. In my opinion his work would be an asset to transforming the culture of any school district across the country. “

Dr. Darrell Williams
Asst. Superintendent
Beloit School District



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