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Throughout history, humans have always operated in groups of some kind with their immediate family being the first people they interact with regularly. As children grow into adults, they often link up with other like-minded individuals along the way with whom they become friends, class and teammates, businesses partners, or lovers with. We are social beings by nature. With that being said, some of our biggest issues in life come from toxic relationships with others and the inability to recognize when people aren't for us or are a detriment to our well being. Everybody has been a victim of it in some form or fashion. Sometimes, you just out grow people and those unwilling to grow with you should be left behind. Looking out for #1 isn't always a bad thing.

"Life is about progression." - Taxstone

Speaking of Taxstone, I just want to send my condolences to the brother and everyone involved or allegedly involved in the incident that happened at Irving Plaza in NYC last year. I've watched Tax gain popularity at a rapid pace over the last 2 years, listening to him for the 1st time on Charlamagne Tha God and Andrew Schulz's, "The Brilliant Idiots" Podcast. It's an unfortunate event and I genuinely wanted to see him win. I can't lie. It's bothering me a bit. Also, shout out to our cover feature, the lovely Denise Boutte (pictured above) who is in the film, "The Bounce Back" along side Shemar Moore, Nadine Velazquez and Bill Bellamy. The film was released a short time ago.

- Tyrone Davis

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MAKIN' NOISE

Tissa Boswell is an aspiring model from Detroit, Michigan.

What got you into the modeling field and how long have you been at it?

I was introduced to the modeling industry at the age of 15 by a childhood friend. I was in the 10th grade and I attended Southwestern High School. The school had put on a fashion show and that was my first time being on stage in front of people. Hearing them cheering my name and the all around energy motivated me. I believe that was the day I fell in love with it and started the process of mastering my craft.

Which part of modeling do you enjoy the most and why?

The favorite part I've grown to like is being able to tell my story through different facial expressions; while walking in different designs that also help bring out my personality.

What are some of your major accomplishments?

A major accomplishment was being able to walk in NYC Fashion Week. Also, traveling to major modeling states and working with different designers outside of Detroit is major because it humbles and motivates me to go harder when I return back home.

Other than modeling, what else do you have going on?

At the moment I'm transitioning more into being a spokesmodel on the television side and possibly I may be gracing a stage play near you. So, stay tuned because I can't give away all the juice, Lol.

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DENISE BOUTTE

HUMILITY

Words and interview by Krystal Luster

Success is one of those things you can't define by one definition alone. Some associate their success by fame and fortune, but then there are those who credit their success more to the people who have been affected by it. In interviewing Denise Boutte, it was clear to see which side of the chess board she stood on. She was asked questions regarding A-list events, and how fame has treated her, but all of her answers shed light on her humility, not only as an actress, but as a human being. Maybe this has something to do with her growing up in a small town, or maybe she appreciates life's simplicity. Whatever the reason, it is clear to see that Denise is as humble as they come.

How did you prepare for the role of "Ruth" in the TV movie, "For the Love of Ruth"? Was this your first leading role?

I've been honored to play leading roles before, but none quite like this in which I portrayed the title character. What I loved about "Ruth" was that it wasn't about the hair, makeup, or wardrobe but rather being as authentic, vulnerable and transparent as possible. She allowed me to free-fall while being surrounded with the extraordinary talents of Loretta Devine, James Pickens Jr. and Gary Dourdan (who, I'm excited to say, is also in media) and Director, Christine Swanson.

When did it sink in that you were a star? Can you describe what you felt?

My goals were never rooted in chasing "stardom". I just knew: That invigorating feeling I felt, when I "fell into acting" felt so surreal and natural, I wanted more of it. I owed it to myself to at least try.

Did you always have a dream to be an actress? If not, what did you see yourself doing in life?

It never crossed my mind. The only experience I had prior to making the big move to Hollywood, was thanks to Mrs. Goodman and "Clovis Crawfish on the Bayou" and my stint as Big Bird. I dreamt the more practical dream of becoming a Doctor.

Where did you grow up? Is that where you currently live?

I grew up in the small town, more accurately, the Village of Maurice, Louisiana. I'm a far cry from that farm-life, here in Los Angeles, but it honestly took my leaving to appreciate the simplicity of my upbringing/childhood.

How have you adjusted to the spotlight associated with your fame over the years?

I have a very small, close-knit, village of friends who keep me, authentically me. As such, not much/ if any adjusting necessary.

Who would you say are/is your biggest fan(s)?

As long as there are other, small-town youth who feel inspired/empowered by my story, that's worth more to me than Fandemonium.

How long has your web series "Denise's Dish" been airing?

I tried it "on for size" a few years ago and am currently seeking/negotiating sponsors for a spin-off!

What is your favorite type of food?

Seafood, all of the way!

Which do you prefer, cooking or eating?

Is this a trick question? I absolutely LOVE them both and could never decide.

Do you believe the way to man's heart is through his stomach?

Works for me! LOL!

Do you have a favorite dish you enjoy cooking?

I'd have to say my Signature Dish: Seafood Stuffed Catfish with Herbed, Cream Sauce.

Do you watch the 'Food Network'? What are your favorite shows?

ANYTHING with Rachel Ray and Barefoot Contessa! Have to show some love for Next Food Network Star, 1st Runner Up, Chef Jernard Wells; We've got some surprises in-store for you, in 2017!

Who would you love to work with in the future, whether it be an actor/ actress or chef?

Actor: Denzel Washington... Duh!

Actress: Jennifer Lopez... Such a Beautiful Spirit; We'd make the most amazing Romantic Comedy or Heist movie, for that matter!

Chef: My ultimate faves are Rachel Ray and Barefoot Contessa.

You've starred in Tyler Perry's 'Meet the Browns' (Sasha Brown) as well as his hit film 'Why Did I get Married too' (Trina). If given the opportunity would you accept another role in one of his projects?

Absolutely! Tyler Perry's like another big brother, a Mentor. I would be honored.

Tell us about the movie 'Secrets' and the character you play.

In "Secrets" I portray Victoria Campbell; This chick makes Trina, from "Why Did I Get Married?" look like a Saint! Screenings are being held, cross-country, before the movie opens nation-wide, 2017.

Can you tell us about your upcoming projects/films?

I have so many amazing cast mates involved in each, I'll keep it down to three!

The Bounce Back (Premiered Dec. 9, 2016) with Shemar Moore, Nadine Velazquez, Bill Bellamy and Denise Boutte as Julie Taylor; X-Wife to Shemar Moore's character, Matthew Taylor. Father, Author and Relationship Expert, Matthew Taylor is on a whirlwind book tour, promoting his new best-seller, The Bounce Back. His life is turned upside down when he inadvertently falls for Kristin and has to face a painful truth about his past relationship.

Media (Feb. 2017) TV-One with Penny Johnson Jerald, Brian White, Pooch Hall and Denise Boutte as Danielle Jones; Married to Brian White's character, Michael Jones. Focuses on the Jones family, who owns and operates JUMP, a dynasty that has dominated the national urban media scene for years. Between affairs and conspiracies, back door deals, fierce rivalries and murder, the Jones family is doing everything they can to stop anyone or anything trying to tear them apart.

Couples Night (Summer 2017)- Romantic Comedy with Reagan Gomez-Preston, Tony Rock, Charles Malik Whitfield and Denise Boutte as Sherry; Married to Tony Rock's character, Rob. Focuses on the differences that bring two couples together, ultimately strengthening each other and their relationships.

I'm also putting pen to paper... Make that Finger to keyboard on a Cookbook of Family Favorites. Be on the lookout 2017!!!

Are you involved with any charities?

Several back home, in Louisiana, that involve Youth Education & Empowerment.

Who/what is your biggest motivation in life?

My Family. They are my Everything.

What would you say is a typical day when you aren't working?

Typical? What's that? Haha! Let's just say that a day that includes roller blading and kettle corn at the beach, is always icing on the cake!

Are you available on any social media outlets?

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CHECK ME OUT

JUS
N.Y.C.



In 2009, at the tender age of 14, JUS began taking his own music seriously using a desktop computer in his living room. By 2015, JUS had already released 3 mixtapes, the latter two, titled "The Chase" (2013) and "Any Given Sunday" (2015), being original works in collaboration with a high school buddy, keyboardist "Kavar." Songs from these projects have seen popularity on the music site "Hot New Hip Hop." Still in high school, JUS linked up with Long Island producer Dee Wiz and wrote a record titled "Hands Up", which was later recorded by Grammy nominated rap-duo Salt-n-Pepa. In 2016, JUS performed at a JBL audio party in Manhattan hosted by Hot 97's own Miss Info as well as NBA superstar and rapper Damian Lillard AKA Dame D.O.L.L.A. DJ Enuff from HOT 97 and DJ Wonder from SHADE 45 were also in the building along with Talib Kweli who performed as well.

Pepa. JUS has also performed on the same stage as various artists including Fabolous, Meek Mill, bino.

JUS was recently interviewed on Sway in the Morning and spoke about his current plan for his music stating "This is my last semester though. Once I graduate then it's all music. The last few records I put out have been growing pretty well. The first record I released, "On My Own", has been getting a nice response and I've had some people reach out to me about that record alone. I'm working to get this new music out, because it's a different vibe from what most of the youth is putting out and I feel these are the songs that will get people listening and paying attention".

On Monday November 21st, 2016, JUS performed at a JBL audio party in Manhattan hosted by Hot 97's own Miss Info as well as NBA superstar and rapper Damian Lillard AKA Dame D.O.L.L.A. DJ Enuff from HOT 97 and DJ Wonder from SHADE 45 were also in the building along with Talib Kweli who performed as well.

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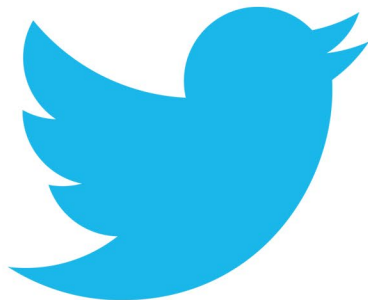
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TWEET DAT!

@EDIBLU: Today, my President is black. Tomorrow, yalls' president is orange.

@Joe_Chapman3: Russell Westbrook not starting should effectively end the fan vote for the #NBAAIISar Game. Absolutely ridiculous.

@lilduval: People refuse to believe that they don't know what they talking about

@OLE_E: U can be a adulterer, child molester, snitch, etc.. if u got money then somebody gone take up for ya smh

@StartsWithanX: Leah McSweeney makes me wonder how many black men got lynched back in the day for flirting w white women but actually snubbed them.

@LilRonnyMothaF: Your Favorite Rapper Was Once A Local Rapper..... Don't Wait Until They Blow To Try And Support!

@ByronLinnell: Dear God, I get it. No more projects unrelated to my passions. Lesson learned. Trusting you from here on out. You got this.

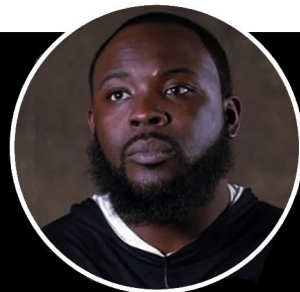
@uniqueloves: We Were Not Immigrants. Do not judge us by your history's standards. The USA must repent and repay those it harmed.

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@Fairplay_2333: Taxstone Arrested In Connection To Troy Ave Irving Plaza Shooting #NiggasTellin

@robyninrealtime: "Taxstone Has Been Referred to as 'One of the Faces of Black Twitter'".....but what does that mean though?

@HassonVA: I'm surprised it took this long for Taxstone to be arrested.. if you follow hip hop you knew he was involved

@woodbeats: who snitched on taxstone... troy ave, wack100, or vlad??

@Chiux123: Seeing certain Feminists celebrating Taxstone being locked up isn't a surprise lol.

@Will_Blax: Damn did Troy Ave really release that statement thru his lawyer about Taxstone lol man these street rappers ain't shit lmao

@ms_mmorla: @tariqnasheed Taxstone got popular too fast and the things he was saying was progressively pro-Black. It's so unfortunate.

@Aurum718: I'm really shedding tears. @TAXSTONE I'm gonna miss you yo. All the violence aside taxseason made me feel at home

@AnnaBtheG: I really want more for taxstone. I'm legit upset. He's the whole reason I got into podcast. #freethatman

LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT!

ATL RAPPER, DRAMA




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ECHO KELLUM

MR. TERRIFIC

PHOTOS BY
LESLEY BRYCE

Words and interview by: Krystal Luster

Actor and comedian Echo Kellum is a lover of life and the people who openly embrace it. The father of two has caused quite the buzz since his appearance in The CW's 'Arrow' where he plays DC comics character Curtis Holt aka Mr. Terrific. Not into the comic book/superpower scene? No problem, just turn your attention towards Mr. Kellum's other projects such as the upcoming Netflix film 'Girlfriend's Day', a film about a man hoping to once again make his claim to fame as a well-known greeting card writer; or Echo's Hip Hop album with plans to be released in the near future as well. So whatever tickles your fancy, Echo Kellum can give you something to enjoy that connects you to a supernatural world or the everyday reality we're all apart of!

Your name (Echo) is rather unique, is there any special/deep meaning behind it?

It was just something my dad liked. He was very big into mythology and the name originated, if I'm not mistaken, from a water nymph in mythology.

How did your pursuit in comedy transition into a career in the television/film industry?

I've known I wanted a career in this industry since I was seven and I think it's something that I've naturally worked towards. I never had another plan — my plan was to act — and now that I've been more involved in training and the comedy scene, my plan has expanded to writing, directing and producing. The training definitely helped me get to the place I am now; you can have as much talent as you want, but if you don't have the skill set to go with it, you don't go too far in this industry. One thing about me is that I continuously learn and develop upon the things I learn in order to become a better actor and better person in general.

How does Chicago life differ from the Los Angeles lifestyle?

Chicago is a very blue collar city, but they also have a lot of, I like to say, mid-western values. It's a mix of the big city with a little taste of mid-western values where people are generally nice, caring and you say "hi" when you walk down the street. Chicago is also a city where you know you have to bust your ass if you want anything. You have to get out there and work for whatever you're trying to achieve. I think that's the type of place that teaches you how to handle any city in world, to be driven and treat people nice. That is what I love the most about Chicago.

If you never left Chicago to pursue your career of choice, do you think the same opportunities would have been presented to you?

I had some opportunities presented to me in Chicago. I did two commercials here and there, but I

eventually ventured out to Los Angeles. I, and like others before me realized that if you want a career in the entertainment industry, you need to go to Los Angeles or New York.

Tell us about your upcoming Hip Hop album. What influences are you using to create it? Are there any features?

As of right now, no. It's just a labor of love. My influences that I listen to are Drake, Childish Gambino and Kid Cudi. I'm trying to incorporate some electronica elements as well with influences such as Aphex Twin, Freestylers, Caspa & Rusko, and others similar to them.

What would you say is the overall message in your music?

I generally like positive music. In a way the album will honor my brother who passed away ten years ago, but every song won't be a tribute to him. I just figured I'd make an album to commemorate his legacy.

On The CW's 'Arrow', you play the character Curtis Holt. Tell us about him and the role he plays in 'Arrow'.

He is a tech genius who has now become a full-fledged member of Team Arrow. He has a way to go before he realizes his true superhero roots. But he's just a committed, fun, loving individual who adds a lot of light moments to the show. He is driven by his love for his family, and his dedication to make the city a better place.

Any chance Curtis Holt becomes "Mr. Terrific" in the near future?

Well, he is Mr. Terrific now but he will become a better version of Mr. Terrific in the second half of the season.

How closely does 'Arrow' follow the DC comic series?

Arrow is different than the comic series but is true to the canon. It definitely borrows from the comics, but it has some different beats, and I think they show that in the story they tell.

What is it like playing an openly gay character on a popular television show?

It's a very awesome time in film and media because we're having more representation out there. I'm very thankful that I get to be a part of that process and that I get to represent the LGBT community and represent it in a way that isn't stereotypical — that's really important for me, to just play a character who happens to be gay and isn't a gay character who happens to be a superhero. I don't think people live their lives through their sexuality and I think it's important to show we're all individuals and different, and I think Curtis really shows that.



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LESLEY BRYCE

Did you find it difficult going from not being in the spotlight to being recognized?

You have to take the good with the bad. I recently realized that I'm losing more of my anonymity, but I'm just thankful that there are people who are committed, active fans of the show and that they have accepted me into their world with open arms. People coming up and saying they're fans of yours is never a bad thing

Tell us about the upcoming film 'Girlfriend's Day' and the character you play.

It is an upcoming comedy-drama directed and co-produced by Michael Stephenson. I play "Mad-sen"; a friend of Bob Odenkirk's (also co-wrote and produced) character (Ray) who is attempting to relive the glory days as a greeting card writer.

What are some upcoming projects you're a part of?

In addition to my upcoming album and the movie 'Girlfriend's Day', look out for my movie 'Village People' (I'm not sure when that's going to be released yet) as well!

How do you spend your day when you aren't working?

I generally like to write, play video games, dabble a little bit into politics and world events and hang out with my kids.

Who/what are some of your biggest influences?

In terms of my career, Will Smith and Jim Carrey. They were everything to me growing up and I would always mimic Jim Carrey's characters from 'In Living Color', and reenact all of Will Smith's scenes in 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'. Outside of my career influencers, my biggest influences for life are my two children.

Tell us the corniest joke of all time.

The corniest joke of all time? I have to dig into my "dad joke's" brain! How about a corny pick-up line? "I may not be Fred Flintstone, but I can sure make your bed rock".

What is your favorite video game of all time and why?

Oh my god, Metal Gear Solid on PlayStation! The story was just so immersive and the game-play was phenomenal! The character of Solid Snake — all that was going on with him and his twin — was so amazing. I loved every second of it and that game always has a special place in my heart. As far as more recently released games, The Witcher 3 is phenomenal!

Can you be contacted through social media? If so, on what sites can you be reached?

Yeah! You can find me on Twitter at @EchoK, on Instagram at @echokells, and on Facebook as "Echo Kellum"

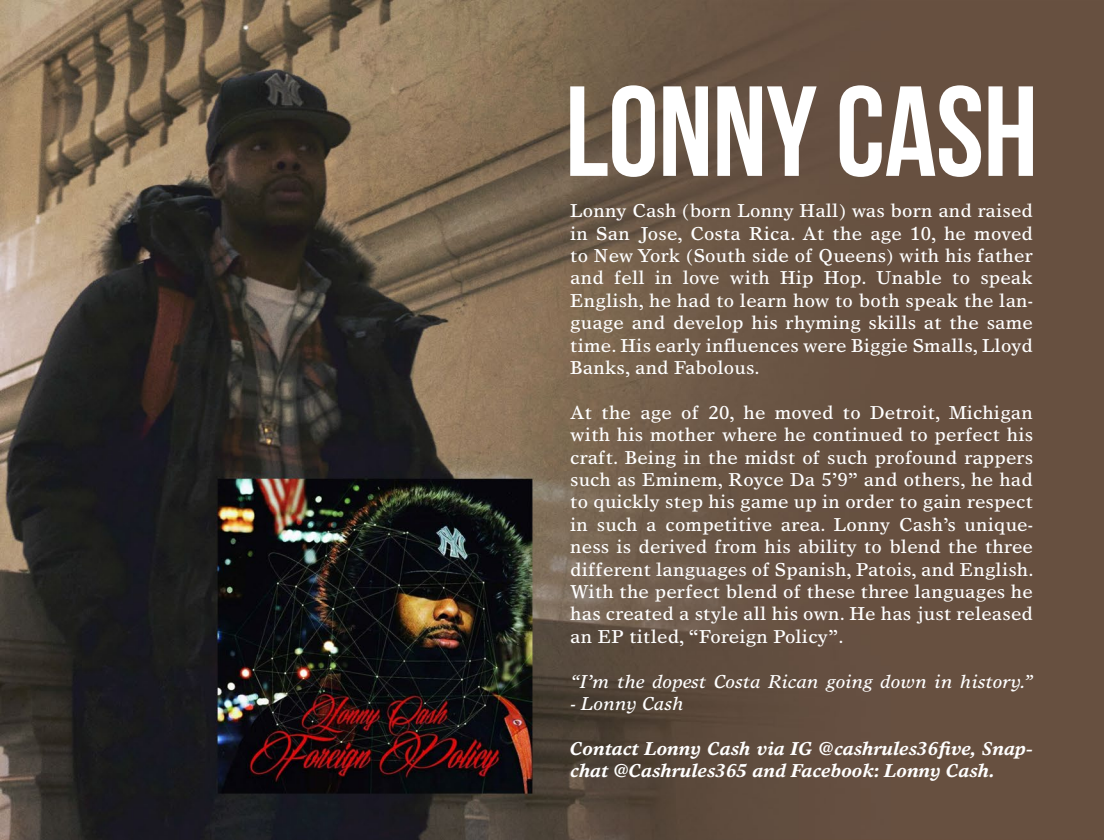
LONNY CASH

Lonny Cash (born Lonny Hall) was born and raised in San Jose, Costa Rica. At the age 10, he moved to New York (South side of Queens) with his father and fell in love with Hip Hop. Unable to speak English, he had to learn how to both speak the language and develop his rhyming skills at the same time. His early influences were Biggie Smalls, Lloyd Banks, and Fabolous.

At the age of 20, he moved to Detroit, Michigan with his mother where he continued to perfect his craft. Being in the midst of such profound rappers such as Eminem, Royce Da 5'9" and others, he had to quickly step his game up in order to gain respect in such a competitive area. Lonny Cash's uniqueness is derived from his ability to blend the three different languages of Spanish, Patois, and English. With the perfect blend of these three languages he has created a style all his own. He has just released an EP titled, "Foreign Policy".

"I'm the dopest Costa Rican going down in history."
- Lonny Cash

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