

da boogie man

2005

"He had a standing ovation three times in a row. . .literally a standing ovation at the Apollo Theater. Now that shouldn't impress most people, but let me tell you something, I am from the history of the Apollo, and they don't do standing ovations, not on Amateur Night. If they do, you have killed, you have gone beyond. This guy was able to take a crowd from zero to 100 without a band, without a cymbal crash, without anything." I said, "This guy is a natural poet."

LIONEL RICHIE



. . . Cleveland has a high intensity spoken word scene that is beginning to cross over to the hip-hop crowd. Perhaps no one exemplifies this better than Boogie, who kicks poetic science with a distinct hip-hop flavor.

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"... poetry is the heart's song, and we must sing to live..."

## anthony c. rucker

poet. activist. author.  
playwright. educator.

Boogie is direct descendant of the rich literary and music heritage that flows through Ohio. From Rita Dove, Abiodun Oyewole, P-Funk, and the stylings of Roger Troutman and Zapp, he is a mixture of the old, new, and future as evidenced by the diversity of his accomplishments. He started writing in fifth grade, when his English teacher promised to keep a haiku that he wrote on her wall as long as she was teaching.

Later, after doing his thing as an emcee, he reverted back to poetry in 1995 when he placed third in the National Poetry Slam as an individual and anchored the second place team from Cleveland. No one knew he had just begun to perform his poetry, and including the Nationals, had not performed more than seven times in his entire life. Boogie began reeking havoc on the poetry scene by becoming the first male to win the National Poetry Slam individual championship. He then went on the win 4 times on the nationally syndicated show "Showtime at the Apollo." He retired from that legendary stage never losing. Graduating to music he co-penned and recorded a duet with Lionel Richie entitled "To the Rhythm" and laid down a historical account of hip hop on the album "Buffalo Gals: Back to Skool." He has sat on panels at the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame to Harvard and has published 4 books of poetry which have been used in curriculums from middle school to the university level. Having shared the stage with the likes of Robert Lockwood Jr., Common, Musiq and Savion Glover he has solidified his place as a treasure that is diverse as he is talented.

Boogie is on his way to becoming a legend. He made his movie debut in Hip Hop for Life, an independent film by Velocity Productions, which was featured at the Sundance, Acapulco, and Hollywood Film Festivals. He also ventured into theater with his one man play p.i.m2.p. - Persecuted Inside My Masochistic Psyche, which has received rave reviews everywhere it's been seen. Check for his sightings around the world, the next of which will be the release of his album "The Poet" on Lionel Richie's record label Liontracks. Also look for his latest title *Relationship Cookbook* to be released in the fall of 2005. The old adage is still true, sooner or later "Da Boogie Man is going to get you."

Don't become a product of your environment. Make your environment a product of you."

Anthony C. Rucker  
pka Da Boogie Man

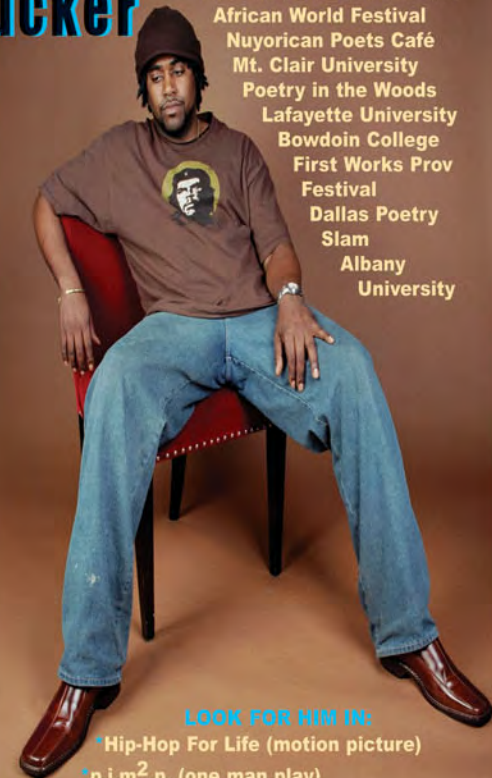
Look for the *Relationship Cookbook*, the premiere guide for love & food, the healthy way.

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FOR BOOKING INFO CONTACT:

### WHERE HE HAS BEEN:

Kent State	Johns Hopkins
Oberlin	Harvard
Rush Arts Gallery	St. John's
Johnson and Wales	Yale
Case Western Reserve	Salve Regina
Caroline's on Broadway	Mt. Ida
Brooklyn Moon Café	Wordstock
Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame	
Museum of African-American History (Detroit)	
The Legendary Apollo Theater	
The Detroit Institute of Art	
African World Festival	
Nuyorican Poets Café	
Mt. Clair University	
Poetry in the Woods	
Lafayette University	
Bowdoin College	
First Works Prov Festival	
Dallas Poetry Slam	
Albany University	



### LOOK FOR HIM IN:

- Hip-Hop For Life (motion picture)
- p.i.m2.p. (one man play)
- Lionel Richie's "Time" album (duet)
- "Buffalo Gals" (album w/KRS-ONE, RAKIM, etc.)
- The Poet (forthcoming album)
- daboogiemanager216.com (internet kingdom)
- Poetry Slam @ NYU (lecturer / professor)
- The Iyanla Vanzant Show (featured guest)
- "Fitting In" (sitcom, for release in 2006)
- Gabriel's Song (1996)
- A Word is Worth a Thousand Pictures (1997)
- I Can't Believe It's Not Butta (1998)
- The Poet Written and Experienced (2000)
- Relationship Cookbook (forthcoming Fall 2005)

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**Lectures/** Mt. Ida University  
**Poet in** Kent State University  
**Residence** Cleveland School of the Arts  
Harvard  
Cuyahoga Community College  
Cleveland State University  
Wayne State  
P.E.P. (Positive Education Program, Ohio)  
Mt. Clair University  
Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History  
Poetry in the Woods Festival  
Cambridge Center for Adult Education  
Ridgewood High School

**Publishing** Gabriel's Song — poetry  
A Word is Worth a Thousand Pictures- poetry  
I Can't Believe it's not Butta- poetry  
The Poet: Written and Experienced- poetry  
Slam (anthology) - poetry, contributor  
Signifyn' in Harlem (collection)-poetry, contributor  
Harambe (College Magazine) - expository, poetry  
The Vindicator (College Magazine) - expository, poetry  
Voices in the Hall- Anthology (editor)

**Recordings** Time- duet with Lionel Richie on the album Time  
Class is in Session- on the album Buffalo Gals: Back to Skool featuring De La  
Soul, Rakim, and KRS-One  
Ain't no Sunshine- on Pure Honey Blends 2003/Ace International Mix Tape  
I think I Can- duet on the album Jahi with Hip-Hop artist Jahi  
Various Songs- duet with Sho-Tyme on album The last Playa Standin'

**Slams** 1997 National Poetry Slam Individual Champion  
1997 National Poetry Slam 3' Place Team  
1995 National Poetry Slam Place Individual  
1995 National Poetry Slam 2 Place Team  
Café Imanii — winner  
Hottest Poets — winner  
Nuyorican Café — winner  
Bacardi Def Poetry Jam (New York) - 2' place  
Lyrical Graffiti — winner  
Mic Fight- winner  
Bar 13 – winner

**Theatre** Westwood Elementary School- A tribute to the 60's: co-lead actor and singer  
Glen Crest Junior High —Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, Gift of the Magi: actor, chorus  
2 Baptist Church of Wheaton Fine Arts Dept. - acting and dance (jazz and modern)  
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Christians Really Reflect Up, Standing Strong: lead, co-lead, singer, dancer  
Glenbard South High School- Go West Young Man: actor  
College of Wooster — Booker T. vs. W.E.B.: actor, back up singer  
Cleveland State University- Jesus, Tell Me Why, A New Day in Hough: actor  
Karamu House (one of oldest Historically Black Theatres in America) - Oppressed Poets  
Anniversary Poetry Play.  
Black Poetic Society- Traveling Poetry Theatre Group with over 150 performances  
Hip-Hop 4 Life- a feature length film featured at The Sundance, Hollywood, and Acapulco  
Film Festivals  
P.I<sup>2</sup>.M.P. - one man play written by. directed by. and starring Da Boogie Man

**Television** 4 Time Winner of Nationally Televised Program It's  
Show Time at The Apollo, filmed at New York's  
Legendary Apollo Theatre.

**Concerts** Savion Glover D-Nice  
The Last Poets Isis  
Erikah Badhu Men at Large  
Common Reynaldo Ray  
Musiq Soul Child Shang  
Bone-Thugs-N- Dante Carter  
Harmony Atlantic Starr  
Ice Cube X-Clan  
Robert Lockwood Jr.

**Shared the Stage/  
With**

Amiri Baraka  
Haki Madhubuti  
Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts  
Dr. Ben Chavis Muhammad  
Patricia Smith  
Chuck D  
Sistah Souljah  
Dick Gregory  
Askia Toure  
Reg E. Gaines  
Jessica Caremoore

**Colleges/  
Universities  
(Performances)**

St. Johns  
John Hopkins  
Oberlin  
College of Wooster  
Ohio State  
Ohio University  
Johnson and Wales  
Yale  
Salve Regina  
Pace  
Hunter  
North Dakota  
Austin Peay  
Chico  
Howard  
Lakeland Community College  
BMCC  
Bennett College  
Indiana State  
Akron University  
Bowling Green State  
Ohio Northern University  
University of Texas at Dallas  
SUNY Fredonia

**Venues/Cafes**

Caroline's on Broadway  
Rush Arts Gallery  
Brooklyn Moon Cafe  
Bowery Poetry Club  
Sankofa Book Store  
Zeitgeist Gallery  
Cantab  
Cleveland Museum of Natural History  
Detroit's African Museum of Art  
Cafe Mahogany  
The Humidor  
Sixth Street Under Jazz Club  
Top of the Flats  
Snaps and Taps  
Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame  
Bert's on Broadway (Detroit)  
Detroit Institute of Art  
Club Passim's  
1<sup>ST</sup> Annual Lee Harvard Miles Seville Summer Music Festival  
Peabody's in the Flats  
Nic-a-Nees  
Black Art from Prison Part 2: Sister's Say  
Dallas Poetry Slam- Feature

**Hosting/  
Open Mics**

Naked on Stage  
Lyrical Graffiti  
Liquid Language  
Comfort Zone

**Honored  
and  
Recognized  
By**

Mayor Mike White, Cleveland- for work in Cleveland recreational centers  
Congress Woman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Ohio- for volunteering time in Arts Mentoring Project  
Cleveland Free Times News Paper- Voted Best Poet in Cleveland 1998  
Greater Poet League OF Cleveland -Included in their yearly poetry collection  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority- For outstanding work  
Cleveland State University- Annual Salute to Black Men for community service and artistic excellence  
Austin Peay University- For outstanding work and continued service