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**INTERNATIONAL**  
*Scholarship Program*

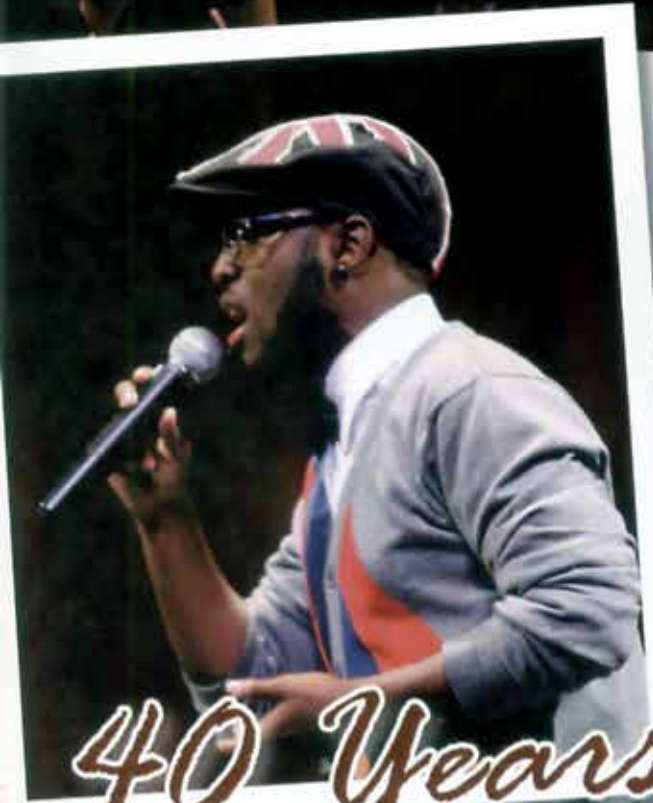
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*40 Years: Moving Forward  
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2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

**Ruth Seaton James Performing Arts Center  
Hamilton, Bermuda – "Feel The Love"  
SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010**

FOUNDER & CEO

*Hal Jackson*

FEATURING

**Talented Teen Participants Representing  
2010 Talented Teens From  
Around the World  
and  
The 2009 Talented Teen  
International Winner**

*Briyana Guadalupe*

*Special Guest  
Appearances during  
the Week*

Cynthia Horner  
Island Teezers

Omarion

The Legendary Ladies of Sky





## 2010 Judges

**Kimberly Brooks** – Actress – Miss HJTTI 1981

**Gita Blakeney Salatus** - Entertainer

**Kaye Byron-Twyman** - Educator

**Dorothy Coleman Cobb** – Music Professor / Choral Director

**Skip Dillard** – Operations Manager / Program Director WBLS

**Camille Douglas** - Founder/Executive Director of the Miss

Talented Scholastic Teens of NJ

**Shine Hayward** – President of Bermuda Music Society

**Bob Lee** – CEO & President, Make the Grade Foundation

**Patricia Nesbitt** - Producer

**Dr. Edna Hill Salah** – Miss HJTTI 1972

**Gina Smith** - Entertainer



# Program of Events 2010

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**40 YEARS: MOVING FORWARD & GIVING THANKS**

*Featuring Our 2010 Talented Teens Contestants*

Parade of States & Countries  
Introduction of Hal Jackson  
Introduction of MC  
Top 10 Finalists Announced

*Judging Segment 1 Personality & Achievement*

Rules & Regulations  
Entertainment  
Introduction of Judges

*Judging Segment 2 - Talent*

Performance by 2009 Winner – Miss Briyana Guadalupe

Intermission

40 Years: Moving Forward & Giving Thanks  
Performed by - 2010 Contestants

Special Presentations & Acknowledgments  
Entertainment

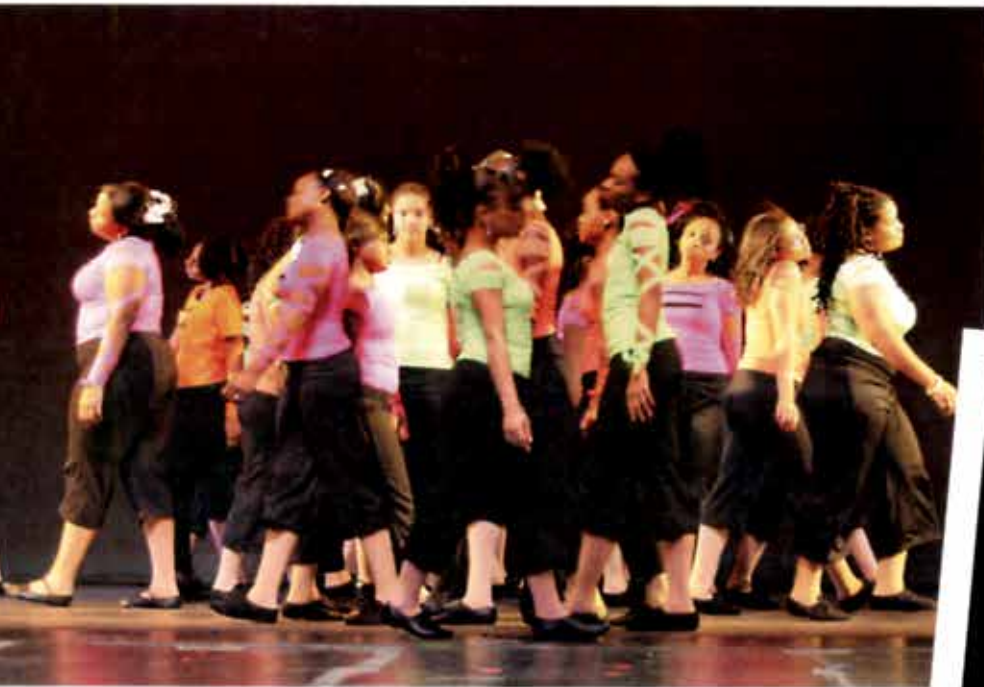
*Judging Segment 3 Appearance*

Entertainment  
Farewell Address - Miss Briyana Guadalupe  
Special TTI Awards

*Crowning of the 2010 HJTTC Winner*









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**Youth Development Foundation, Inc.**  
*Promoting Culture & Education Through the Performing Arts*

July 24, 2010

Dear Talented Teen International Family:

Debi and I wish to thank each of our HJTTI Directors for identifying the most talented teens in the world and bringing them to Bermuda for an extraordinary experience! We know it was a tremendous task and we applaud your unwavering commitment to our program. As many of you already know, the Youth Development Foundation, Inc., through Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International, is in the business of educating young teenage women because we firmly believe education is a basic human right every child deserves. It is this philosophy that propels us to do what we have done over the last 40 years – the empowerment of young teenage women using the performing arts and education as a vehicle.

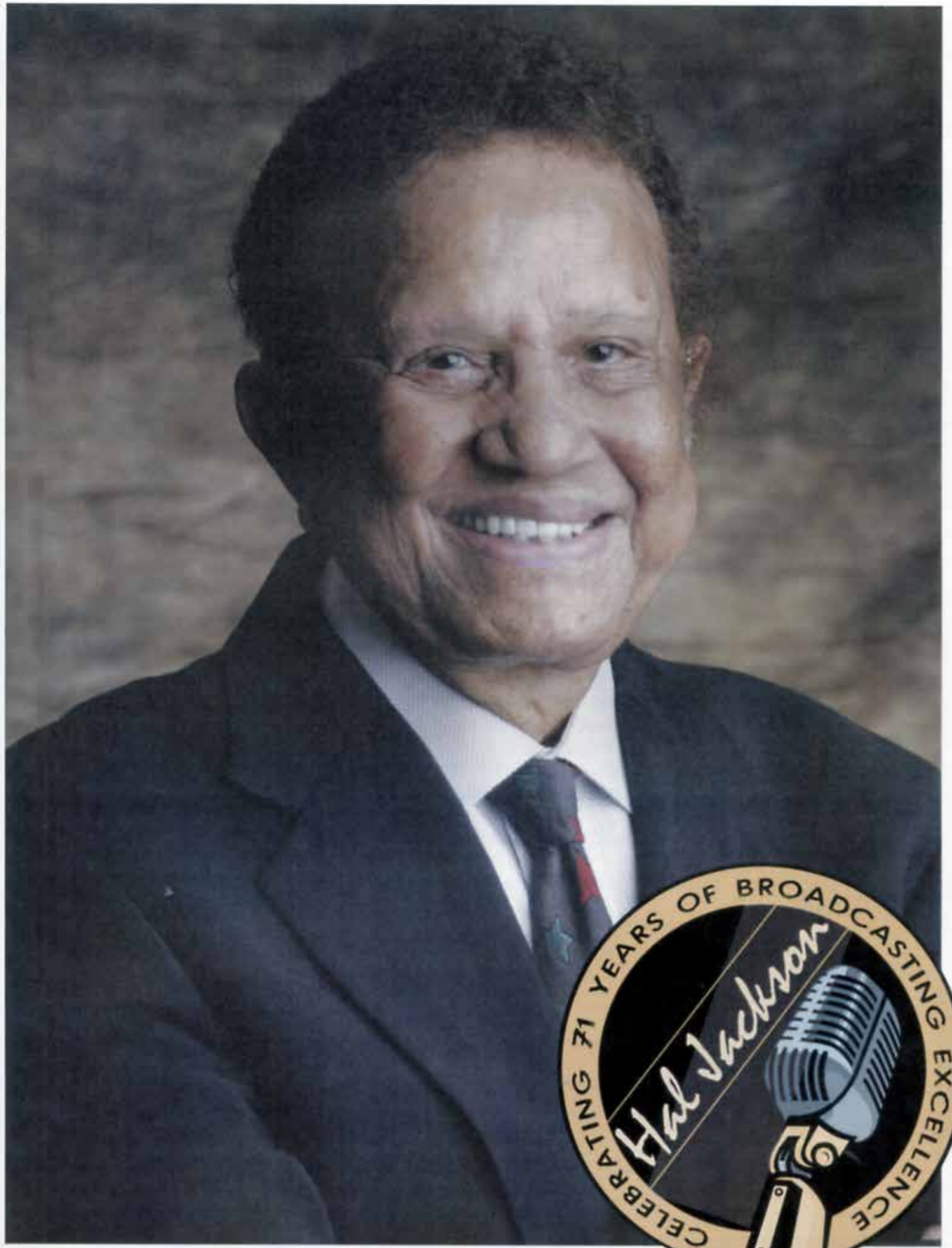
The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International (HJTTI) Scholarship Program enjoyed a fantastic week of activities in Bermuda July 17 – 25, 2010. This year we proudly celebrate "40 Years: Moving Forward and Giving Thanks. We hope the week's activities have been an intercultural, enlightening experience for each of our young ladies and we sincerely hope she maintains the many friendships she has established with representatives she has met from across the United States, the Caribbean, Canada and Africa. Our greatest desire is that each representative remembers her experience in Bermuda and carries it with her for the rest of her life. Because of the intense preparation and direction she has received through her participation in HJTTI, she will continue to develop, heighten her self-esteem, and hopefully give back to her community when she is able to do so.

A sincere "thank you" to our sponsors – William Paterson University, Seton Hall University, ICBC Broadcast Holdings, Inc., Bermuda Tourism, American Airlines, the Fairmont Southampton Hotel, Shining Diamond Productions, Bermuda Youth Sports & Recreation, and to the dedicated parents, guardians, family and friends and to all who have made our event a success. We know without your support the Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Program would not exist. Thank you for assisting us in "*promoting cultural education through the performing arts.*"

Warmest regards,

Hal Jackson  
CEO & Founder







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CHAIRMAN & CEO



Mr. Hal Jackson seems to transcend through time. It's been 40 years of giving for this young man. I say young because it's with his very youthful heart that Hal Jackson continues tirelessly to show the world through his eyes the talent that's yet to be seen.

And he doesn't stop there, like many other greats, Hal Jackson continues to open doors and pave new ways to assist our very talented youth in their quest for brighter futures. He has a magnificent team of directors and an extraordinary executive producer, his wife Debi.

Contestants, I wish you all the continued success, growth and opportunities that such a competition brings forth as you achieve greater things. The Hal Jackson Talented Teens Competition is the gift that keeps on giving.

And finally, thank you Bermuda for allowing us to share this wonderful man with you.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Sutton', written over a white background.

Pierre M. Sutton  
Chairman and CEO





Premier of Bermuda

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010

Greetings,

As both Premier of Bermuda and Minister of Tourism, I am delighted to welcome the Hal Jackson Talented Teens International Scholarship Competition to Bermuda on its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I extend warm wishes to the participants from around the world who will be participating in this prestigious event. I wish them all great success in the competition as they compete for the Most Talented Teen.

I also commend the organizers for bringing such a positive and encouraging event to our island. It is a wonderful opportunity to host a showcase of young people who are constructively applying their talent and hard work.

I would also like to welcome any visitors who are joining us for the competition and hope they have not only an enjoyable evening, but a splendid visit to our island.

Sincerely,

Dr. the Hon. Ewart F. Brown, JP, MP

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Dear Guests,

On behalf of the Department of Tourism, it is truly our pleasure to host the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Competition on our island shores.

We're delighted to have the opportunity to showcase some of the top talented young ladies from around the world and trust that their captivating performances will keep you entertained from start to finish.

It is encouraging to see so many young individuals interested in performing arts. I wish you the very best success in the future and hope your passion and dedication for the arts continues.

While in Bermuda, I encourage you to take the time to experience all Bermuda has to offer as a vacation destination; these include our premier shopping establishments, exceptional restaurants, electrifying night life, historical attractions, signature golf courses and of course our pink sand beaches.

I trust that you'll enjoy this year's magnificent competition and hope your time in Bermuda will be both enjoyable and memorable.

Sincerely,

William Griffith  
Director of Tourism





By David Hinckley

## Hal Jackson

### Through creativity and courage, he helped change the business of radio

Three decades before Barack Obama was born, Hal Jackson was living by the optimistic principle, "Yes, we can." Today, almost eight decades into his media career and a couple of months past his 94th birthday, Jackson is one of those pioneers who can say, "Yes, we did." It's not all perfect, he'll tell you. There's still work to do. But America is a very different place now than it was when Hal Jackson was born in South Carolina in 1915. On the other hand, looking back has never been Jackson's style. His gaze has always been focused forward, and that's one reason he has seen a lot of things come true that the rest of the world told him were not possible. The first, and still in many ways the most basic, came in the late 1930s, when he walked into the offices of Washington radio station WINX, then owned by the Washington Post. Jackson came in with some credentials. Raised in D.C., he had graduated from Howard University. He was fluent in sports and music, with experience announcing both. So he felt he could do a show, he told the general manager, that would bring the station listeners from Washington's sizeable and growing black population. He would also bring advertisers who wanted to reach other listeners. The general manager, Jackson later recalled, responded by saying, "No n----- will ever go on this radio station." Jackson left the interview and found a white advertising agency that would buy 15 minutes of time every night for a show ambiguously titled, "The Bronze Review." The general manager was so happy to sell it to the agency he didn't even ask who would be on the air. So imagine his surprise when he realized it was Hal Jackson. By that time, the station had gotten such a positive response Jackson was too valuable to lose. Yes, he could. Today, Jackson still hosts a radio show, "Sunday Classics," from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. weekly on WBLS (107.5 FM) with his wife, Debi, and his long-time partner, Clay Berry. He jokes that his memory isn't quite what it used to be, nor is his hearing, which is mostly gone. He sleeps later these days, and it has been a while since he worked 40-hour weeks at WBLS. He has definitely made his mark on the industry, which recognized his contributions by inducting him into the Radio Hall of Fame in 1995. And in 2003, he looked back at his career in his autobiography, "The House

Dated February 3, 2010

That Jack Built," published by Colossus Books. And he's still in the game. In addition to working at WBLS he oversees the Talented Teens International competition, which he started years ago to provide an outlet and incentive for teens to develop their skills. "The most important thing I do is the community work," he says. That has meant everything from coat and food drives to working the airwaves and the streets the night Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Was killed, telling everyone that the way to honor King's memory was not to destroy but to build. One of many things Jackson helped build was WBLS and its sister radio station, WLIB. He and Percy Sutton joined in 1971 to form Inner City Broadcasting Corp., and Jackson persuaded Sutton that in addition to WLIB, the company should also buy its then – unimportant sister WLIB-FM – which became WBLS and, within the decade, the No. 1 station in the city. That's the kind of trail Jackson has regularly broken, in places where the brush has rarely been cleared. At one point in the early 1950s, he was hosting three daily shows on three radio stations: a pop music show on WMCA, a rhythm and blues show on WNJR and an all-night jazz show on WABC, where he became the first black host of a nationally syndicated program. Perhaps his most enduring legacy from those years was from the smallest station, WNJR, where that exotic rhythm and blues music was laying the foundation for rock 'n' roll. Later in the 1950s at WABC, he became one of the first black jocks on mainstream top 40. He did other things along the way, such as became one of the first black TV show hosts with "Uncle Hal's Kiddie Show." Years before that, in Washington in the early 1940s, he started a top black basketball team – the Washington Bears – because he figured it would be a good complement to his young career as a radio sportscaster calling games for the Negro League Homestead Grays from Washington's Griffith Stadium. But if you ask Jackson's colleagues, they will tell you his greatest legacy lies in radio. To a man and a woman, they will say Jackson's determination opened many of the doors through which they walk today. He went from being banned from a radio station to owning a radio station, from looking into the radio world to sitting on top of it. And he's still sitting there today. Yes, he can.



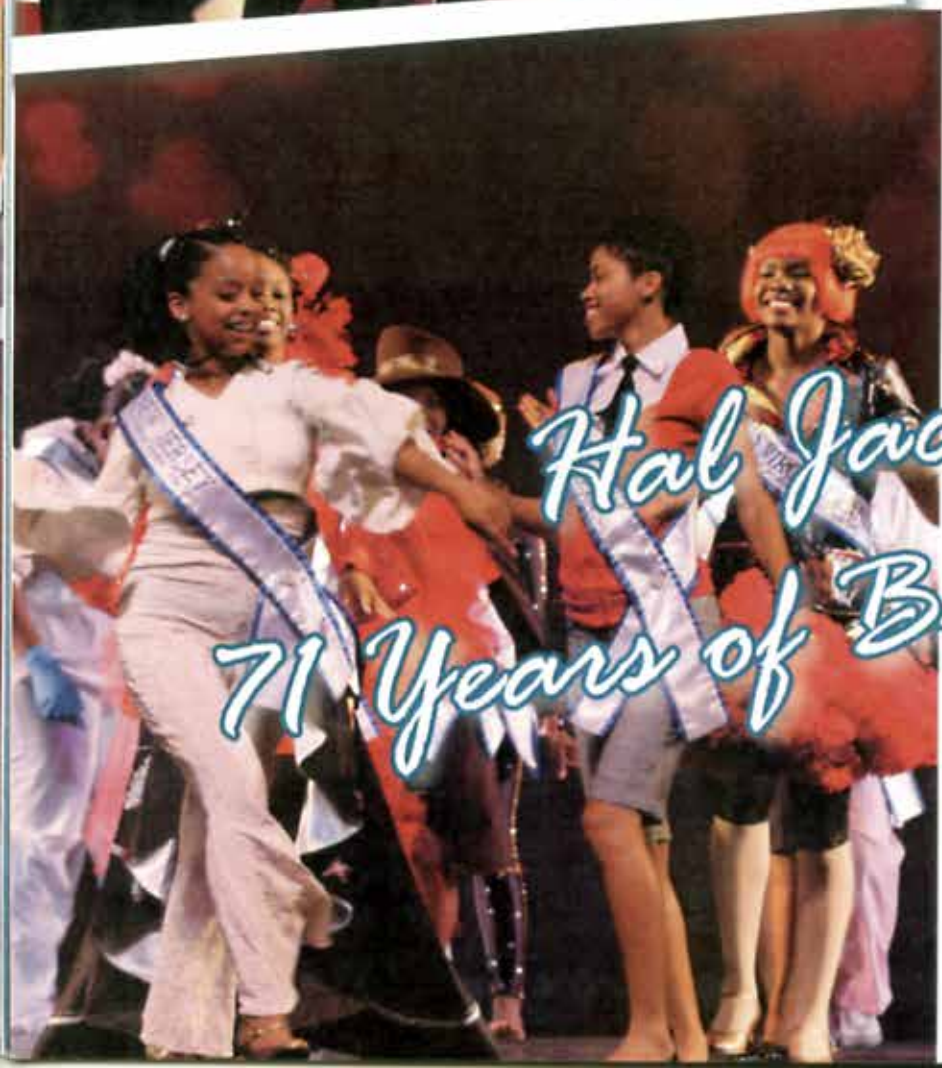


## Hals Pals...

1. Alicia Keys,
2. Milba Moore & Bob Lee,
3. Vivica A. Fox,
4. Barbara Smith of B Smith's Restaurants,
5. Sherri Shepherd,
6. Charlie Wilson,
7. Usher,
8. Smokey Robinson,
9. Eddie LaVert & Jerry Butler,
10. Angie Stone,
11. John Starks







*Hal Jackson*  
*71 Years of Broadcasting*



**The Youth Development Foundation, Inc.**



# Program Overview

## Youth Development Foundation, Inc. Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International®

*"Promoting Culture & Education through the Performing Arts"*

The Youth Development Foundation (YDF), a non-profit organization, designed and launched the Hal Jackson Talented Teens International (HJTTI) program in 1971 with the mission to promote education and culture through the arts. Over the years, HJTTI has played an instrumental role in cultivating and supporting the academic achievement and artistic growth of over 25,000 underserved and impoverished young minority women between the ages of 13 to 17. Over 90% of the young women that participated in the HJTTI program have gone on to graduate high school and college. YDF through the HJTTI program operates in the United States, Caribbean, Canada and Africa impacting the lives of over 500 young women each year.

Founded in 1971 by Hal Jackson, legendary broadcaster and 2001 Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame inductee, HJTTI provides a support system for girls and encourages cross-cultural exchange and nurtures emerging talent. HJTTI provides the young ladies with training, awards educational scholarships and gives travel opportunities. This program is open to all ethnic groups with an emphasis on diversity and intercultural awareness.

State and country programs are held from January through June in approximately 30 states and 10 countries. Area programs provide activities dedicated to youth, education and community involvement. Additionally, as a part of each program, girls participate in a series of training sessions and local activities. They are judged in categories demonstrating academic abilities, talent and stage presence. State and country winners move on to the international event to compete to become named Miss Hal Jackson's Talented Teen International.

Area competition winners are convened to participate in the international week of activities. They tour the competition city; visit radio and/or television stations where they learn about operations behind the scenes in the media industry; visit restaurants to taste foods of different cultures; attend professional theatrical performances and ultimately rehearse for their appearance on stage. Winners have received over \$1,500,000 in scholarships, prizes and inter-cultural trips abroad. Some of the individuals who have donated their time include Patti LaBelle, Aretha Franklin, Janet Jackson, Alicia Keys, Fantasia, Boyz II Men, Musiq, Smokey Robinson, Denzel Washington, Robert Townsend, Brian McKnight and Michael Jackson.

The Youth Development Foundation, Inc. through Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International assists in preventing drug abuse and pregnancy among youth by developing self-esteem and confidence, which is essential for the positive development of young ladies and success in all aspects of their lives.

A number of HJTTI participants have become acclaimed professionals including Civic Court Judges, Award Winning Writers, Oscar Nominated Actresses, Principals and Deputy Borough Presidents. The YDF has a high success rate of young ladies graduating from college with participants and competition finalists completing undergraduate programs at Yale, Stanford, Columbia and NYU.



# 40 Years of HJTTI

## *Cynthia Foreman*

### **Hal Jackson's Miss. Black Teenage America 1972**

Cynthia Lewis Foreman started a pie company in 2006 in Oakland, California. There she and her staff manufactures and distributes her signature line 2-inch Sweet Potato pies and Pecan pies. The Sweetie Pies are sold in local California based stores and across the country through her website. Recently, the pies were a hit for the VIP's at Tavis Smiley's State of The Union in Los Angeles, The NAACP pre-party for Tisha Campbell (star of *Chris*), Bill Russell's Fantasy Basketball Camp at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas, The NFL Retired Players Convention and The Joe Morgan Golf Tournament for Inner City Youth Programs. Hopefully, after August you will be able to enjoy Sweetie Pies on a major airline carrier.

Ms. Foreman often refers to herself as the "new" Aunt Jemima in a male dominated industry. Sweetie Pies is 100% woman owned and operated. Being an entrepreneur does have its challenges but there are also pluses as well like being able to give back to the community whether it's through fundraising efforts or being an advocate for batter women. This year, we were able to employ more teens part-time and one full-time. And this fall, we will be offering Self Esteem Workshops to young ladies 13 to 17; you don't have to guess where that inspiration came from. Congratulations, Miss Talented Teen International Family for 39 years! I can truly say that being a contestant and a winner was an experience of a lifetime and I will cherish the memories forever. I thank God for giving Hal Jackson the vision to create Miss Talented Teen International. THANK YOU, Hal and Debi! Love You, Cynthia Lewis Foreman, President, Sweetie Pies



Cynthia Foreman's  
**Sweetie Pie**

## *Denise Du'Maine*

### **Miss U.S. Talented Teen Pageant & Revue 1974**

Denise Du'Maine, is the first from the "show-me" state of Missouri to be crowned winner of Hal Jackson Talented Teens International. Denise's talent was a self-choreographed Dance--a combination of Modern, Jazz & Ballet set to Donald Byrd's "Flyte Time". Denise went on to receive a full dance scholarship to college and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. After graduation, she began touring both domestically and internationally, and made her living as a Singer and Dancer. After touring with Paul Robi's World Famous PLATTERS (Los Angeles), Denise returned to New York (her roots) and resumed her acting on Stage, Film and TV. Her numerous professional



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credits include "Dorothy" THE WIZ and "Angel Allen" BLUES FOR AN ALABAMA SKY along with Under Five & Featured work on Law & Order (the mother ship), Special Victims Unit & Criminal Intent; OZ, UGLY BETTY, AMERICAN GANGSTA & the principal role of "Aunt Patty" in the upcoming Indy Feature; "HAPPY HOLIDAZE" by Filmmaker/ Director Derrell Lawrence of Headliner Entertainment in Philadelphia. Denise can be seen NOW and for at least the next 10 years as the 1800's Opera Diva, former slave, "Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield" (known as THE BLACK SWAN) at the African American Museum of Philadelphia. The exhibit, entitled "AUDACIOUS FREEDOM" opened to a gala ribbon cutting event on Friday, June 19th (Juneteenth) 2009 at the museum located on 7th & Arch in the heart of downtown Philly. Please visit [www.aampmuseum.org](http://www.aampmuseum.org) for more details. Denise is also experiencing financial growth & success in a number of other related entrepreneurial ventures.



*Sheryl Piland*

## **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1978**

Actress turned CEO of Kemi Enterprises. I owned a successful health store on Martha's Vineyard for seven years named The Vineyard Sanctum. I am currently importing and distributing hair and hair products around the world. The hair company is named Extendtech and the line of hair products is named Sheryl's Thairp'y. We have an online presence at [www.extendtechhair.com](http://www.extendtechhair.com) My latest adventure is building leaders to achieve their personal and financial goals through the eFusion energy club. You can go to [www.icoach2winnow.com](http://www.icoach2winnow.com) to find out more. Through my experiences of being a Talented Teen I've been afforded the opportunities to meet some of the world's finest individuals. I've gained the confidence to face many challenges and to never give up on my dreams and goals.

Some I've achieved, some have changed but through it all I've remained thankful for all God has blessed me with. Hal Jackson is one of the most gracious men and I thank him for his vision in giving young ladies like myself the chance to display their talents when there was no other forum for us to do that. His pioneering spirit has touched so many lives and I just hope he knows how much he means to me. Because of him I know the world is a much better place. Hal, I love you. Love Sheryl!





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## *Kimberly Brooks*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1981**

Kimberly Brooks is versatile and devoted to performing nothing but the best for her audiences. She recently had her dream come true by landing a series regular role on the hit SHOWTIME series HUFF. Working alongside an all star cast, Kimberly played Paula Dellahouse, a hilarious assistant to Hank Azaria.

Kimberly has become a familiar face to television audiences with guest appearances on such shows as "Judging Amy," "The Parkers," "The Bernie Mac Show," "Even Sevens," "The Hugley's," "Martin," and "NYPD Blue." She also had a recurring role as Chante' on "The Jamie Foxx Show." Her first television credit was a role on the PBS series "Getting To Know Me," but she credits her starring role in "The Bad Seed" at nine years old as the beginning of her career. Instilled with the acting bug, she studied her craft very closely and at fourteen was crowned Miss Talented Teen of Baltimore and the, Miss Talented Teen International. After graduating from college, she moved to Los Angeles and toured the United States with hit off-Broadway shows such as Shelly Garrett's "Beauty Shop," and David E. Talbert's "Tellin' It Like It Tiz."

Kimberly hails from Baltimore, Maryland and holds a degree in Television/Communications, from Villa Julie College. She currently resides in Sherman Oaks, California with her daughter and continues to encourage people to strive to make their dreams come true; because "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it, if you can dream it, you can become it..."

## *Delise Jones*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1983**

Delise Jones was crowned Miss Hal Jackson's Talented Teen International at the Coconut Grove Hotel in Los Angeles, California. She won the competition with her soulful rendition of the popular song "The Way We Were." After attending the well renowned Music and Art High School, Delise went on to pursue a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from the State University of New York at Buffalo. During her tenure there, she joined the sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Upon graduation in 1989, Delise began her life's journey as an educator in an Urban Community Middle School in the Bronx. Twenty-one years later, she is still an educator at the same school. Over the years her roles have changed from teacher, to dean, to assistant principal and currently she is completing her seventh year as principal. Under her tutelage, her learning community, has been removed from the states under





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performing school's list and has received numerous grants. Delise has since obtained two Masters Degrees; a M.S. in Early Childhood Education from Herbert H. Lehman College and a M.S. in Education Administration from Fordham University.

A proud mother of three, Delise wants to model for her children and her students that the "sky truly is the limit, when mixed with: diligence, sincerity, creativity and a lot of prayer.

## *Tai Jimenez*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1985**

Tai Jimenez, a native of New York City, began her dance training with Joan Millen Mesh and went on to study at the School of American Ballet, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center and with Madame Gabriella Darvash. She was a member of the Dance Theatre of Harlem School Ensemble before joining DTH, where she became a Principal Dancer. Her repertory includes the title roles of Giselle and Firebird as well as numerous works by George Balanchine, and ballets by Glen Tetley, Sir Kenneth MacMillan, Sir Frederick Ashton, Bronislava Nijinska, Alvin Ailey, Robert Garland, John Alleyne, Lar Lubovitch, Doug Varone, Dwight Rhoden and many others. Later, Ms. Jimenez joined Boston Ballet as a Principal. There she originated a role in Mark Morris' *Up and Down*, and was also seen in Val Caniparoli's *Lambarena*, Jorma Elo's *Carmen*, Balanchine's *Serenade* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Nijinska's *Les Noces* and Asaf Messerer's *Spring Waters*.

She has appeared as a guest artist with the New York City Ballet and companies across the United States. She made her Broadway debut as Ivy Smith (Miss Turnstiles) in the 1998 revival of *On the Town*, directed by George C. Wolfe. Ms. Jimenez originated the roles of Fran in Maria Irene Fornes' *Letters from Cuba* and Ysabel in Debbie Allen's *Soul Possessed*. She was a featured dancer on the Academy Awards and in pop superstar Princes' *Rave Unto the Year 2000*. The versatile Jimenez is also a teacher and choreographer. She is currently on the faculty of Harvard University, the Boston Conservatory, the Boston Arts Academy and Boston Ballet school. She has been featured on the cover of *Pointe* magazine, and her writing has appeared in both *Pointe* and *Dance Magazine*.





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## *Myisha Richmond*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1991**

Myisha Richmond 1991 HJTTI winner has been dancing professionally for 22 years. She has toured with the late Gerald Levert, Ginuwine, Marques Houston to name a few. Myisha has worked with Legendary Choreographers Tony Basil, Hinton Battle, Dave Scott and Fatima Robinson.

You may recognize her from the Outkast Movie "Idlewild" and many dance music videos. Myisha is a proud parent of two boys Dana Jr. & Danny. She currently is the Adult Program Director & Choreographer at PISE (Positive Images of Self Expression) Performing Arts Center located in Carson, California.



## *Amanda Philisia Stanley*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1994**

Amanda Stanley is the current owner of Mama Heal LLC, an in-home daycare located in Clifton NJ. Ms. Stanley is a Columbia University graduate with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and a concentration in Dance. She has a Preschool/ Kindergarten Montessori Teaching Diploma from the North American Montessori Center and is a Certified Reiki Master of the Usui Shiki Ryoho System. Amanda is the proud mother of three wonderful children and enjoys providing a peaceful and educationally stimulating environment for all of the children in her care.



## *Ebony Mack*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1995**

At the age of 13, Ebony Mack is known as the youngest HJTTI Winner to ever be crowned. This prompted her to give back to her community and volunteer her services to Hal Jackson's Talented Teens for over 8 years as a talent and speech coordinator, while helping other promising young ladies to develop their individual talents. She continues to pursue her music and broadcasting career and was selected as a correspondent for 98.7 Kiss FM. She was named the "IMTA"-New York Female Model/Vocal Winner and was featured as a guest actress on the final season of "The Sopranos". Ebony is extremely honored to have been a featured background vocalist and writer on Luther Vandross' "Dance with My Father" album. Ebony values education as well as the performing arts and is presently an enthusiastic, highly qualified third grade teacher in Hillside, NJ. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA, as valedictorian from Saint Peter's College with her Master's Degree in Educational Administration. She was awarded the "Buciarelli Award" honoring the top graduate student and is presently pursuing her Doctoral degree in Educational



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Policy and Urban Studies. As a licensed Public School Administrator, she has also served as the Educational Director of the JL Watson After School Tutorial Program in Newark, NJ for over 5 years.

Ebony along with her mother, Angela L. Mack, under their foundation, A NU DAY Youth Foundation, which stands for Advocating and Nurturing Unity while Developing Artistic Youth are the NJ Directors of HJTTI. Ebony's love for youth is a direct influence from her mother who has instilled in her the precious values of giving back. Now together as co-directors, educators and a dynamic mother and daughter team, it is such a delight to bridge the gap and pass on the rich legacy that all started from one innovative dream of the great Mr. Hal Jackson himself!

## *Tiffany Stephens*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1996**

Tiffany Stephens is the proud wife of Dudley Stephens and mother of Leah Stephens. After winning the titles of Hal Jackson's Talented Teen New York State and International, she went on to be crowned Miss New York State 2002 and was a Miss America finalist.

As a motivational speaker and personal development coach, Tiffany has traveled extensively sharing her message of empowerment. She was the co-founder of Talent Of Purpose, Inc., a performing arts and leadership program for youth and on July 1, 2010, Tiffany launched [tiffanystephens.net](http://tiffanystephens.net) a web site for "Married Mamas Making it Happen" where she features married women, who are mothers, and are making a difference in their communities and/or exceling in the areas of entrepreneurship, business or as career women.

## *Nikiya Mathis*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1998**

Nikiya Mathis is Miss HJTTI 1998. She holds a BA in theater from Temple University and graduated in May of 2008 with an MFA from New York University's Graduate Acting Program. Always a lover of Shakespeare, she played the roles of Juliet and Tybalt in the Continuum Company's Romeo and Juliet in Florence, Italy. She has also performed off-Broadway at Classic Stage Company in the re-mounting of Romeo and Juliet and New York Theater Workshop in Sliding Into the Beast.

Nikiya recently finished a production of ECLIPSED by Danai Gurira, in which she originated the role of Maima. She also played the roles of Shun and Shaunta Iyun in the world premiere of The Brother/Sister





# 40 Years of HJTII

Plays: In the Red and Brown Water, The Brother's Size and Marcus, by New York Times Outstanding Playwright awardee, Tarell McCraney, at the McCarter Theater. She is excited to be a part of these plays as they have garnered much acclaim, including Outstanding New American Play by the National Endowment for the Arts. In addition, the development process and production of the plays is currently being made into a PBS special and the production will be going off-Broadway to the Public Theater in the Fall. Finally, some of her favorite regional credits include The Glass Menagerie, Crumbs from the Table of Joy, Sparkle: the Musical, and The Bluest Eye. When she's not acting, Nikiya also does private coaching and works as a teaching artist with the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.



## *Renee Solomon*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 1999**

In 1999 Renee Solomon, an opera singer, won the HJTII crown at the age of 15 in the US Virgin Islands. In the wake of her international recognition Renée was the youngest "Cultural Ambassador" to be introduced to Prince Charles of Wales at a private banquet held at the President's House of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. In 2002 after graduating from high school, she was awarded a Voice scholarship to attend the Interlochen School for the Arts summer music programme in Michigan. In the summer of 2005 after her very first year of college, Renée participated in the 'Oberlin in Italy' program. She was cast in Donizetti's comic opera L'Elisir D'Amore, and performed to audiences in Urbana and other cities in rural Italy. She graduated from Oberlin Conservatory of Music in 2008 with a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance. Renee has won numerous vocal awards. Renee has been accepting and creating performance opportunities in Trinidad and Tobago, the Caribbean and the US since graduating. As of last year November, Renée has been heavily involved in Events Management, coordinating events for the Communications division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources of Trinidad and Tobago and now the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force. With a recording project on the table and in the midst of writing a book of poetry and prose while continuing to lend her graphic design skills to major marketing campaigns, Renée is constantly looking for new opportunities to explore her creativity and is convinced that the sky is the limit.





# Where Are They Now

## *Nicole Nicholas*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2000**

Nicole Nicholas, a Los Angeles native, was Miss HJTTI in 2000. She began tap dancing at the age of 2 and was performing professionally, with her grandfather and great uncle, The Nicholas Brothers, by the time she was 8 years old. She has performed throughout the United States in historic venues including Carnegie Hall and across Canada, Europe and Cuba. She attended Stanford University and earned a degree in Industrial Engineering. After graduation, she was the managing producer for the Debbie Allen Dance Academy and produced a number of dance productions, internationally renowned dance festivals and Debbie Allen's original musicals. Afterwards, she went to work in the talent department at Creative Artists Agency and she is currently an Entertainment Coordinator in the Primetime Programming department at NBC-Universal.



## *Della Hamby*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2001**

Della Hamby, also known as "Dellalicious" of A.S.I.I.D Dance Company was an honor student, varsity cheer captain, record setting hurdler, mega champion volleyball player, drumline "band geek" homecoming queen and international contest title holder inspiring young ladies all over the world. In 2003 Della was accepted into Wayne State University's dance department with a talent scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Fine Arts with a concentration in Dance in May of 2007. Since graduation Della has been featured on MTV's Randy Jackson Presents: America's Best Dance Crew, The America's Best Dance Crew Live Tour. As Della's career breaks through she continues to train and build a strong relationship with God. Now she is living in LA and dancing with ASIID Dance Company, The Asylum Dance Company and The Far East Movement and loving it!





# 40 Years of HJTTI

## *Tatiana McConnico*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2003**

Tatiana McConnico 19 years old, 2009 graduate of American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Los Angeles, Ca. Tatiana is currently Lead Vocalist for Royal Caribbean Production Company Miami, FL. Her travels will consist of Russia, Egypt, Jerusalem, Greece, Spain and France. Credits include: "American Idol" top 40; Rejoice, directed by Kenny Leon; Bagdad Café, European tour, directed by Percy Adlon; The Color Purple, directed by Gary Griffin; The Wiz, 2004, 2005 and 2007, directed by Kenny Leon; A Tribute to August Wilson, directed by Charles S. Dutton and that's just to name a few. She has appeared on Showtime at the Apollo, Star Search, Madison Square Garden with the likes of Alicia Keys and Frankie Beverly and Maze.



## *Nicola Dalrymple*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2004**

Nicola Dalrymple graduated from high school after successfully completing her ordinary and advanced studies. After this it was on to pre-med in Trinidad, the Pre-Health Professions Programme, from which she graduated as the Valedictorian. Nicola continued her journey towards becoming a medical doctor with the Bachelors of Medicine and Bachelors of Surgery degree at the University of the West Indies. She is now in her 4th year and anxiously looking forward to being out of the classrooms and into the work field where she can make an even greater contribution to society. At university she has been involved in numerous concerts, where I performed. Of all her music endeavors, Nicola considers her greatest achievement to be her album "Waiting to be Real. So Nicola encourages the talented teen delegates "To always put their best foot forward, for it is you who holds the future in your hands, second to God of course (smile)"



## *Esonica Veira*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2005**

Esonica Veira still holds the honor of being the only representative from St. Thomas to have won the HJTTI title, although she was the 5th winner from the USVI. Esonica graduated from Charlotte Amalie HS and is a student of Penn Foster College, pursuing a degree in Fashion Merchandising with hopes of becoming a dominant force in the fashion industry while working as a model/stylist/event planner. In



# Where Are They Now

2006 she represented the USVI at the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant in Orlando, Florida and won an award for her famous Michael Jackson performance. In 2006 Esonica was privileged to have a resolution passed in her honor by the 26th Legislature of the USVI for her outstanding accomplishments. In 2007 Esonica was crowned Virgin Islands Carnival Queen. She is constantly inspired and motivated by three simple words Never Accept Ordinary and believes that once you have faith in God anything is possible.



## *Raquel Winchester*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2006**

I completed the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations in 2008 and won a National Scholarship in the field of Visual and Performing Arts. In that year, I also competed in the Biennial National Music Festival and emerged victorious in several categories. After my graduation, I decided to take a gap year, and I returned to my high school as a Teacher's Assistant in the Art department. During this year, I also continued my study of music, and attained a merit in the Trinity School of Music's Grade Six Singing Examination. From August 2009, I will be attending American University in Washington, DC as an honors student, to pursue a degree in Graphic Design and Musical Theatre.



## *Naomi Rahn*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2007**

Naomi Rahn is currently attending Tacoma Community College, in the state of Washington, where she is preparing to transfer to Harvard University where she will continue to work towards obtaining a degree in Journalism and Performing Arts. This year she had the opportunity to act in a film production at in college called "In All The Wrong Places," directed by Kristopher Kerns. Naomi also was accepted into the Adrian R'mante Acting school for the Disney Channel this summer.



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# Miss HJTTI 2009

## *Briyana "Nicole" Guadalupe*

### **Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International and Georgia Queen 2009**

Wow, there are too many words to describe the great year I've had, from winning Hal Jackson's Talented Teens of Georgia to competing in the International Finals and bringing home the big title! My experience with competing in HJTTI of Georgia was fun and challenging at the same time because of the many rehearsals and final preparation. I had a blast with the girls, some of who are now my dearest friends. After winning the State Program, I knew I had to work even harder to accomplish my goal in New York City. With the help of many people such as my fabulous Directors Miss Vickee and Miss Arlisa and my dedicated Mom I was prepared and ready to win! The International week was filled with rehearsals. The Participants and I dined at restaurants such as Spoon Bread, Ashford and Simpsons Sugar Bar and I couldn't believe at only fourteen years old I was dining at the infamous Tavern on the Green. We were also fortunate enough to see a live Broadway play of Mary Poppins. To get a better look at the city we cruised on the Spirit of New York and were treated to a delicious lunch, live entertainment and dancing. We simply had a ball! I enjoyed getting to know all of the girls and learned that we all had many things in common. It is such a great feeling to now have friends in so many States and Countries. Many of us now stay in touch by way of Face book! Even though we had all formed a close bond, everyone had their heads in the game and we were ready to win!

Despite the intense competition and nights of little sleep, my state program had prepared me to win. As the announcer called my name my head spun wild with emotions. Everything I sacrificed had officially paid off. Even though I was the winner, I felt the win was also for my family and my two directors. After winning the International finals I was swept into many activities and appearances. The day after my win in the big apple, held at Aaron Davis Hall, I had a chance to appear on the Today Show and visited NBC studios. I was extremely excited by what I had accomplished and there was so much more to be done. Upon returning to the Peachy State, I had other appearances such as touring V103's studio and even met Reggie Rouse, VP of Urban Programming and Elle Duncan. I had the opportunity to empower young ladies like myself at the Teen Diaries "Project Butterly" self-esteem summit where I shared the panel with Chili of TLC. Additional highlights were meeting Angela Burt Murray, editor-in-chief of Essence Magazine and participating in the Natischa Harvey FEVER Shoe launch.

In September my Director and I went on my first trip to Las Vegas with the legendary Mr. and Mrs. Jackson. This was my first time in Las Vegas and wow I tell you it was great! We stayed at the Paris Hotel that looked just like the Eiffel tower from the outside and had to walk along the strip to witness the bright lights and buildings. Mrs. Jackson, Miss Vickee and I went to New York, New York. I rode on my first upside down roller coaster; it was fun but NEVER AGAIN!!! To top it all off we all went to the Grand Canyon with Amira Garwood HJTTI winner of 2008 who also accompanied us on our trip. We had a chance to ride in a helicopter around the canyon to appreciate the great scenery even more. My year was filled with many more appearances and surprises and the journey had just begun.

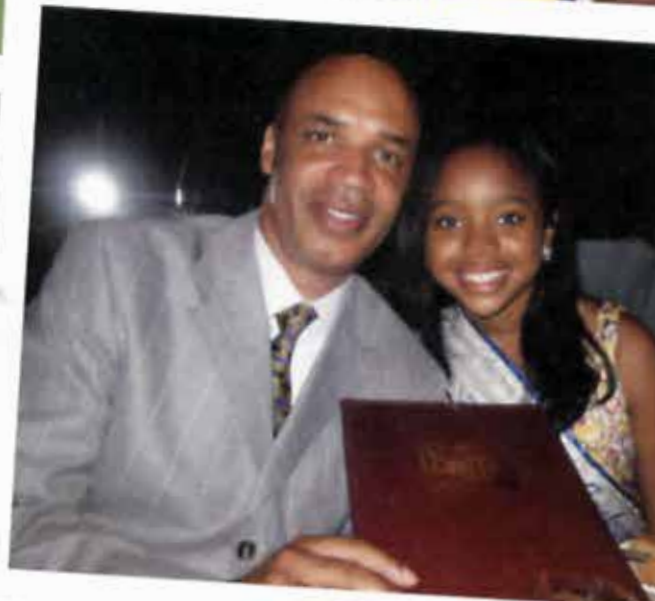




Miss. Vickee and I flew to New Jersey where I was invited by Mr. Bradshaw to model and perform at the Annual International Divas and Kings Modeling Competition! The first day we arrived in New Jersey we headed straight to the mall to get my makeup done at the Mac counter by the fabulous Mrs. Felicia Enix. When I was done I could hardly recognize myself; she did a wonderful job. With my great attire and wonderful make up I was performance ready; thank you Mrs. Felicia.

I felt fortunate to be a part of so many wonderful experiences such as the Fourth of July Parade, the Annual MLK Celebration, attended the star studded birthday bash for Dr. C.T. Vivian and was invite as a special guest to the National Black Alumni Foundation Black College Queens Competition, just to name a few. I competed in Kenny Leon's August Wilson Monologue Competition and made the finals; I also competed in the NAACP Act-So Competition and won Silver in Dramatics and Gold In contemporary vocals!!!

I truly had a wonderful year but how could I not mention my recent trip to Bermuda. This time, Mrs. Charon was able to attend as my chaperon. My time In Bermuda was fantastic and I would like to thank Mr. Everard for showing us around his beautiful island. The food was great and the ocean was beautiful. I was given the opportunity to attend and perform as special guest at Bermuda's 2010 Hal Jackson's Talented Teens Scholarship Program. I want to thank Bermuda's Directors and Staff for their great hospitality. Your contestants were lovely to meet and congratulations again to your winner! It's official, my year as Hal Jackson's Talented International has been the best experience of my short years of living!!!











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**Roland XB**





# 2010 Scholarship Program



Bahamas  
Danielle Dorsett, 15  
*Vocalist*



Bermuda  
Claire-Lee Decouto, 17  
*Vocalist*



British Virgin Islands  
Adorya Baly, 17  
*Actress*



District of Columbia  
Siera Toney, 17  
*Vocalist*



Florida  
Mary Kathryn Chambers, 15  
*Dancer*



Georgia  
Tiara Lamm, 17  
*Vocalist*



New Jersey  
LennAsia Harvey, 14  
*Vocalist*



New York  
Sydney Williams, 15  
*Vocalist*



Nigeria  
Deborah Adebayo, 15  
*Vocalist*



# HJTTI Participants



Canada  
Britny Williams, 15  
*Vocalist*



Connecticut  
I'Kira Reid, 17  
*Actress*



Delaware  
Nickayla Tucker, 13  
*Vocalist*



Louisiana  
Gayla Williams, 17  
*Dancer*



Maryland  
Aja Clanton, 14  
*Actress*



Missouri  
Destiny Lockhart, 15  
*Dancer*



North Carolina  
Jacquelin Harris, 17  
*Dancer*



South Carolina  
Aisha Bellinger, 16  
*Pianist*



St. Maarten  
Ginara Lammar, 14  
*Vocalist*



# 2010 Scholarship Program



Tennessee  
Tiffany Gray, 16  
*Vocalist*



Texas  
Neiya Tingle, 17  
*Vocalist*



Trinidad  
Shauna Taylor, 17  
*Dancer*



US Virgin Islands  
Jessica Willock, 16  
*Dancer*



Virginia  
Monique Melchor, 16  
*Vocalist*

*Good Luck to all of you!*

*"40 Years: Moving Forward  
and Giving Thanks"*



# HJTTI Participants



Are you between the ages of 13 and 17 with a performing talent? Will you be 17 until September 2011? Then you maybe eligible to enter the 41th Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International competition. Are you a community minded individual or organization who would like to run a Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International competition in your location?

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# State and Country Directors



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*HJTTI of the Bahamas*



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*Sigma Xi Omega*



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Flora Haynes  
*Committee for Positive Youth*



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**TENNESSEE**  
Willey Morton  
*Community Concepts*



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*Hjtti of Texas*



**TRINIDAD & TOBAGO**  
Michael Winchester  
*HJTTI of Trinidad & Tobago*



# Talented Teens International



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*CT Talented Teens Productions*



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*LaCom Talented Teens of Louisiana*



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Denise Smith  
*HJTTI OF MARYLAND*



**MISSOURI**  
Merdean Gales  
*Mershaw Productions*



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Shimisha Howie Richards  
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*HJTTI of St. Maarten*



**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
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*Darlington County Cultural Realism Complex*



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Claire Roker  
*Talent Unlimited, Inc.*



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# Official Ballot

*You Be the Judge!*

Judge's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all final scores in ink. Initial any corrections.

AV = Average

GD = Good

VG = Very Good

**I. Appearance (1-20 Points)**

AV = 1-6

GD = 7-12

VG = 13-20

A Youthful Teenage Appearance

**II. Personality and Achievement (1-15 Points)**

AV = 1-5

GD = 6-10

VG = 11-15

A Good Public Speaking Ability

**III. Performing Talent (1-40 Points)**

AV = 1-15

GD = 16-30

VG = 31-40

Material with Universal Appeal

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# Awards For Our 2010 Participants



## *Michelle Thomas Scholarships*

HJTTI Winner Receives a \$5,000 Scholarship  
The 1st Runner-Up Also Receives a \$2,000 Scholarship  
The 2nd Runner-Up Receives a \$1,500 Scholarship  
The 3rd Runner-Up Receives a \$1,000 Scholarship  
The 4th Runner-Up Receives a \$500 Scholarship

## *Wilda Labrie Scholarships*

Awarded for the Highest Grade Point Average - \$1,000

- Donated by Make the Grade Foundation

Miss Photogenic \$500

Miss Personality \$250

Miss Creativity \$250

Miss Congeniality \$250

*A Diamond Ring to the Winner and First Runner Up*

Courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Hal Jackson

*An Eye Opening Trip*

Courtesy of My Feet Travel

*A Trip to St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Islands*

Courtesy of Claire Roker, Talented Unlimited, Inc.

*A Trip to the British Virgin Islands*

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*One Full Scholarship to Seton Hall University*

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*2009 Shooting Star Award Recipients*





# 2010 Shooting Star Awards

## *Kimberly Brooks*

As a superb actress, Kimberly is a familiar face to television audiences with guest appearances on "Judging Amy," "The Parkers," "The Bernie Mac Show," "The Hughley's" "Martin" and "NYPD Blue. Kimberly also had a recurring role as Chante' on "The Jamie Fox Show. She credits her starring role in "The Bad Seed" at nine years old as the beginning of her career. At the age of 14 Kimberly won the Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International title in New York City on stage at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. After graduating from Villa Julie College with a degree in Television/Communications she moved to Los Angeles and toured the United States with hit off-Broadway shows such as Shelly Garrett's "Beauty Shop," and David E. Talbert's "Tellin' It Like It Tiz." Kimberly has a daughter and continues to encourage people to strive to make their dreams come true because "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it you can become it.

## *Bob Lee*

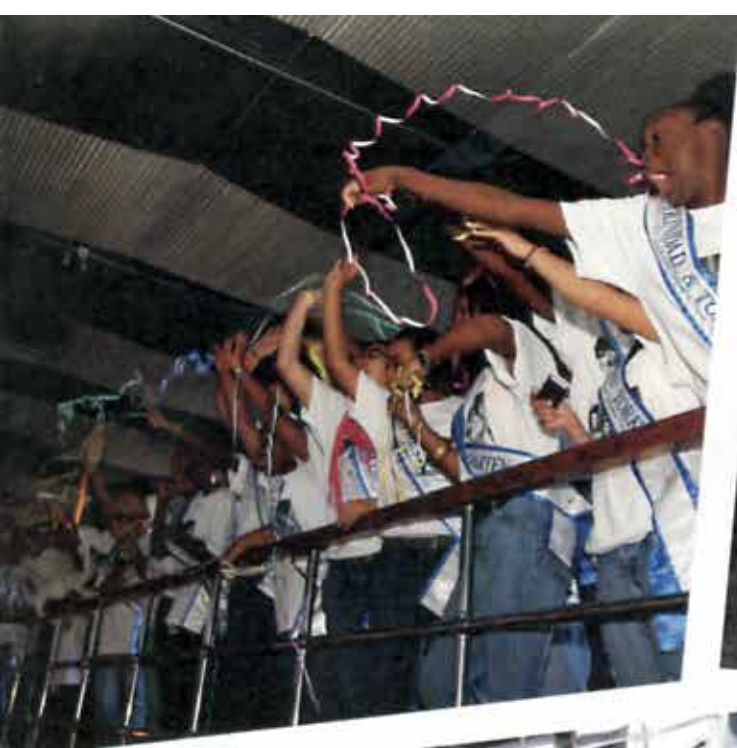
"Doctor" Bob Lee is one of the most recognized entertainment personalities in New York. His career in radio, music and television spans more than 25 years. Lee began his career in 1979 after receiving his BA and MA in Communications from New York Institute of Technology. Lee was a DJ on the weekend edition of WBLS's renowned program "The Quiet Storm" and has for several years provided live reports on the morning show from various WBLS-sponsored community events. Lee has interviewed such musical greats as Stevie Wonder, Patti LaBelle, Luther Vandross, Jaheim, Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige, Kenny "Baby Face" Edmonds, the O'Jays, Wynton Marsalis, Whitney Houston, P. Diddy and Jill Scott, among many others. He now can be heard on air from midnight until 5 a.m. every Sunday through Thursday as he spins today's R&B and classic soul. In addition to his on-air roles, Lee also is the Community Affairs Director for WBLS. Lee also currently hosts the weekly live television program "Open," which broadcasts on BronxNet, a cable television station serving the Bronx and upper Manhattan. Lee is a founder and board member of the Make The Grade Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that provides mentoring and aid to school children. Finally, he is also involved in corporate speaking and promotional work for businesses with an interest in the welfare of the community.

## *Mychal Watts*

Mychal Watts is a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps who turned professional photographer and photojournalist with almost 20 years of extensive photography experience capturing the national entertainment media. From his very first photo placement in Rollingstone Magazine to the riveting work he does today as the Director of Photography for the Coalition To Salute America's Heroes, a 501 3c not for profit organization providing financial, emotional and family support for our nation's wounded warriors which is a project very near and dear to him, Mychal uses raw skill and a keen insight to capture the crisp, memorable moments displayed in his images. Having placed images in major news and entertainment publications from Time, People, Entertainment Weekly, Us Magazine, Essence, the New York Post and New York Daily News, to endless beauty, fashion and lifestyle magazines, he has built his stock having covered various events ranging from the Grammy's, Oscar's, Emmy's, Elton John's Aids Foundation, Oscar Parties to music and fashion. He was also assigned as a regular Photographer for the Sundance and Tribeca film festivals. A full-time freelancer based now based in Philadelphia, PA, Mychal remains a Contributing Photographer represented by Wireimage/Getty the leading photo agencies in the Country.









# Intercultural Week

*The Talented Ladies Spent a Bermudaful Week  
Where they could "Feel the Love"*

## OFFICIAL WELCOME TO BERMUDA

The Contestants and State & Country Directors were given a Welcome to Bermuda by Premier Dr. Ewart Brown and Billy Griffith of Bermuda Tourism at Greg's Steakhouse

A Tour of Bermuda

Partied on the pink sand Beach of Clearwater

Were Thoroughly Awed by Crystal Caves

Visited the Royal Naval Dockyards

Ate at the Bone Fish Grill

And Shopped 'Til They Dropped in Bermuda

## 10TH ANNUAL SHOOTING STAR AWARDS DINNER

The 2010 Representatives along with the State & Country Directors Saluted Kimberly Brooks, Bob Lee & Mychal Watts

## ENJOYED A PRELIMINARY NIGHT RECEPTION

At the Fairmont Southampton Hotel  
Hosted by Cynthia Horner





# Miss HJTTI 2009

*Briyana Guadalupe*

## Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International and Georgia Queen 2009

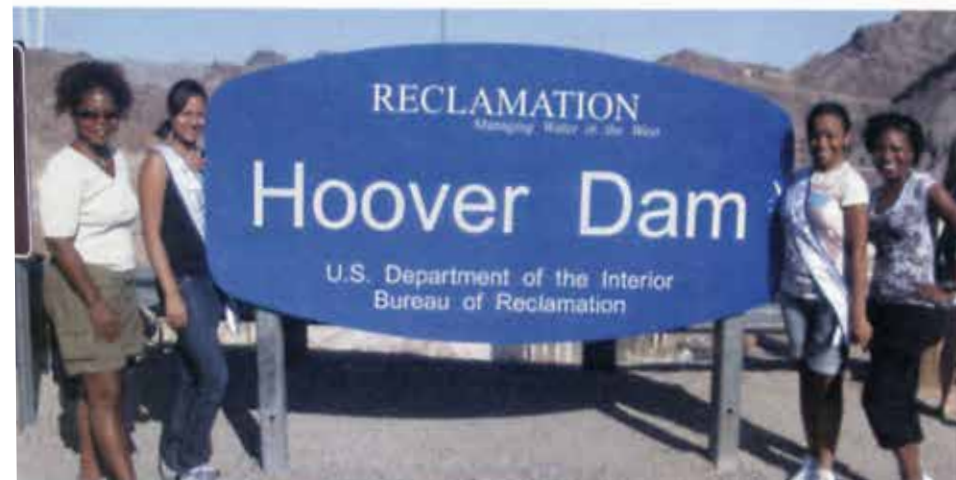
My year as Hal Jackson's Talented Teen International has been amazing. From the people I have met to the places I've been, it has been incredible! But, I wouldn't have been able to do any of it without the village that helps to raise me. To my Directors Miss Arlisa and Miss Vickie, Thank you tremendously for never giving up on me and always being there with great advice and encouragement. To my Mom thank you for your continuous encouragement with everything I do and for your support. Thank you Ms. Denise, for all of your time spent making some of my beautiful dresses it's because of you that I look great! Thank you, Miss. Olivia, for your growing support over the years. You are truly my second mother, I love you! To Mr. Bradshaw, Thank you for time and diligence with making my cape and making my attire perfect and performance ready. Thank You, Ms. Niecy for helping to sponsor my trip to Bermuda. To Auntie Pat, I love you so much and will always appreciate everything you have done for me since the day I was born! To Auntie Rose, you are the best and I appreciate your great love. To my Titi in Miami Thank You for always being around to lift my spirit up and being the best aunt and for also surprising me by coming to New York for International week! Uncle Ralphie you made my stay in New York fabulous and I will always remember that week because of you. To my God mom Auntie Sherri, I want to thank you for always being there anytime I need you and for taking me to so many of my rehearsals and appearances I Love you! Thank you Mrs. Keisha, Mrs. Delise, Mrs. Nadine, Ms. Ann, Mrs. White and the whole HJTTI International staff I greatly appreciate all of your time spent making sure our International week are memories we will never forget!

Lastly to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and the Youth Development Foundation, words cannot explain how much I appreciate the opportunities you have blessed me with. I have been to so many places that I could only dream about but you both have made it a reality for me. The best part is that you have given me the chance to win scholarship money to attend a college of my choice and make an even bigger difference in the world. I love you and I feel truly honored to be a part of the big Hal Jackson family and will always be a phone call away, if ever needed! And to our International contestants tonight always reach for the stars and remember with your family behind you and God buy your side you can do anything you put your mind to do. Thank you and God bless. This experience will never be forgotten!

Sincerely,

Briyana "Nicole" Guadalupe

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# Farewell Address







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