



## 135<sup>th</sup> Street Agency Makes EBONY Magazine's Top 30 Under 30

135<sup>th</sup> Founder Shante Bacon named one of EBONY's "2006 Young Leaders of the Future"



January 18, 2006 (NEW YORK) Shante Bacon, founder and CEO of the [135<sup>th</sup> Street Agency](http://www.135stagency.com), has been selected as one of EBONY Magazine's "2006 Young Leaders of the Future." Bacon is featured in the February 2006 issue of EBONY as one of 30 distinguished young professionals under the age of 30 who have made great achievements in their respective fields. The article's introduction reads as follows:

*"They are talented, educated, young Black men and women, who are soaring to tremendous heights and making accomplishments in the areas of law, politics, religion, communications, academia, music, arts and entertainment. On these pages you will find pastors, business executives, media giants and other movers and shakers in the making. Already, each knows the importance of giving back to their communities, and their actions reflect the burgeoning leader within. And while it is impossible to name all of Black America's young leaders, we selected these rising stars as EBONY's 2006 Young Leaders of the Future. With their impressive credentials, they represent the enormous talent and promise of generations to come."*



◀ **KRISTOPHER J. ANDERSON**, 27, J.D. candidate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Law; former special assistant, Office of U.S. Rep. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.; graduate of the Congressional Black Caucus, Political Leadership Institute.

▶ **SHANTE BACON**, 28, New York, founder, 135th Street Agency, a marketing/public relations/advertising firm specializing in bridging the gap between urban youth/urban professionals and corporate America; former director of marketing/product manager, Island Def Jam Music Group.



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## CANTON JONES PLAYS MAJOR ROLE AT SOUTHERN ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS



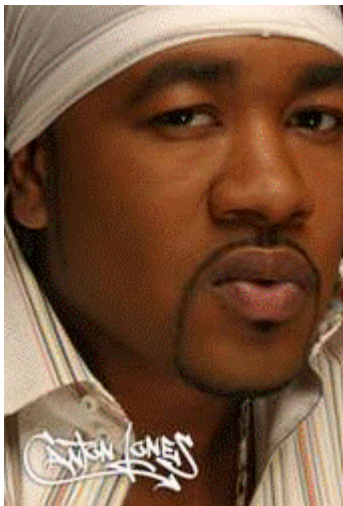
January 18, 2006 (ATLANTA) Singer/songwriter [Canton Jones](#)' busy year continues with a major appearance at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern Entertainment Awards, which features panelists such as B.G., Killer Mike, Jimmy Henchmen, Blue Williams (Outkast), Michael Watts (Swisha House) and more. At the S.E.A.'s, which take place January 19-22 at the Grand Casino Resort in Tunica, Mississippi, Canton will be:

- A Presenter at the S.E.A. Awards Show on Sunday, Jan 22
- Hosting “An Evening with Canton Jones” Meet n’ Greet for all Independent Retailers on Friday, Jan 20
- Servicing his current album *The Password: Access Granted* at the National DJ Alliance Meeting on Saturday, Jan 21
- Available for interviews and photo ops in the S.E.A. Media Room

Look out for Canton Jones at these upcoming events:

- The Stellar Awards – Jan 21, 2006, Nashville, TN
- South Beach Bistro – Jan 23, 2006, Atlanta GA
- Radio One’s “One Love Gospel Cruise” – Feb 23-27, Cozumel, Mexico

Recent Canton Jones performances include:



- World Changers' Watch Night Service – Madison Square Garden, Dec 31, 2005
- Holy Hip-Hop Awards 2006
- David Banner's "Heal the Hood" Benefit Concert
- VIBE Music Fest 2005
- Miami Spring Fest
- Gospel Choice Awards

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## INDEPENDENT BLACK FILM FESTIVAL

March 12-19, 2006, Atlanta, GA – Doubletree Hotel-Buckhead

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The Independent Black Film Festival is an annual celebration of film, technology, music and video gaming that will take place **March 12-19, 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia**. Thousands of participants will enjoy an exciting week of panels/workshops, networking events and entertainment as well as the **GAMERZ LOUNGE**, a video gaming experience for adults. Festival highlights include:

- Screening of Golden Globe nominee *Tsotsi*
- “**Black Film, Black Money**” panel featuring Rowdy Films, TV One, Tyler Perry Productions, Black Family Channel, UrbanWorks Entertainment and Code Black
- IBFF Awards Show Tribute to **Richard Pryor** and **August Wilson**

*For festival details, log on to*  
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