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**SHORT BIO:** **Cheo Tyehimba** is an award-winning journalist, author, activist, educator, and media consultant. He's been a staff writer for *Time Inc. Magazines*, a reporter for *Entertainment Weekly*, and senior editor at *Code* magazine. Mr. Tyehimba has also contributed to *Vibe*, *People*, *Essence*, *George* magazine, *The Washington Post*, *American Legacy*, *O - The Oprah Magazine*, *The San Francisco Bay Guardian*, and many other publications. Tyehimba is also a featured contributor of the critically acclaimed anthology *Be a Father To Your Child: Real Talk from Black Men on Family, Love, and Fatherhood*.

In 1998, Tyehimba received national recognition from the Society of American Travel Writers for *Best Magazine Article on Foreign Travel* (for *Scarred Walls of Stone*, his investigative feature on the former slave dungeons of Ghana). Tyehimba has also taught writing at The City College of New York, the University of San Francisco, and other institutions. In 2009, he published *Like Loving Backward*, a collection of slightly supernatural stories about how Black men learn to love. It is an "Editor's Choice" pick from iUniverse and is available online and in bookstores everywhere.

Tyehimba founded Forwardever Media, a multimedia consultancy, in 2005. The organization produces online multimedia content for clients such as the San Francisco Museum of the African Diaspora and the 2025 Campaign for Black Men and Boys (supported by The Ford Foundation), amongst other non-profits, universities, and corporations.

A regular on the lecture circuit, Tyehimba speaks frequently at colleges and universities, most recently at Arizona State University and The Commonwealth Club of California. Beyond his work in the media and the literary arts, Tyehimba is also a public health advocate. He has reported, written, and produced media content focused on eliminating health disparities among people of color, most recently producing content for Kaiser Permanente's national effort to increase awareness about disparities in health. He blogs at [whatchusay.com](http://whatchusay.com).

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## **SELECT KEYNOTES**

- *Represent! The Meaning of Black Manhood in America*
- *Transformational Leadership: In Search of Your Personal Legend*
- *Daddy's Home: Beyond the Fatherhood Wound*

## **SELECT WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- *Me Inc.: Making Social Media Work for Young People*
- *The Media Industrial Complex: Understanding the Intersections of Justice, Hip Hop, Money and Media.*
- *Bridging the Gap: Creating Health Equity in America*

**For complete descriptions, the full bio, or to book Cheo Tyehimba, contact Drake R. Holliday at AKILA WORKSONGS Speakers Bureau: [speakers@akilaworksongs.com](mailto:speakers@akilaworksongs.com) or 718.756.8501.**

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