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Writers Praise Hip Hop & Fatherhood in Black Community! *Be a Father* Writers Offer Alternative Views on State of Hip Hop & Black Fatherhood at Hue-Man Bookstore: THURSDAY, JULY 10

WHO: Filmmaker **Byron Hurt**; poet **Mo Beasley**; writer **Steven G. Fullwood**; and playwright **Shaun Neblett** (*Be a Father* Contributors)

WHAT: Open forum, book-signing, and Q&A session regarding the new anthology *Be a Father to Your Child: Real Talk from Black Men on Family, Love and Fatherhood* (BAF)

WHEN: **Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

WHERE: **Hue-Man Bookstore & Café** located at 2319 Frederick Douglas Blvd. (8th Avenue, between 124th and 125th Streets), New York, NY 10027
Directions: Take the "B" or "D" trains to 125th Street. Walk one block towards Frederick Douglas Blvd. Turn right and walk to bookstore.

PURPOSE: To challenge negative concepts of hip hop and black fatherhood. Discussion will be moderated by BAF's editor, April R. Silver

BOOK SYNOPSIS

BAF is a frank discussion of how family formation has changed since the 1960s. Twenty-four writers then flesh out historical, sociological, and cultural contexts, examining the impact of welfare, child support, criminal justice, and employment policies on young men of color, Black men in particular. Key to the pieces is the role of hip hop as an influential cultural phenomenon that shaped the individual writer's conceptions of sexual behavior, family formation, fathering, and community building. Gripping firsthand narratives expound on statistical data to form a powerful composite portrait of the challenges facing modern African American communities, and how to overcome them. BAF published by Soft Skull Press/Counterpoint (Trade Paper; June 2008; \$17.95; ISBN: 978-1-59376-192-9)

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