



Benjamin Cory Jones Passing the Torch Award



Benjamin Cory Jones is someone we expect to hear and see much more about. His ability to navigate the treacherous Hollywood waterways is truly a testament to his tenacity, talent and courage. At the cusp of what we believe will be a celebrated career, we acknowledge his courage in living his truth.

Originally from Memphis, TN, Benjamin Cory Jones graduated from Morehouse College majoring in English and minoring in Finance. Ben left Atlanta and moved to New York to take a job any parent would be proud of and worked for a major investment bank as a Speech Writer and Communications Executive, where his days were filled with phrases like: "corporate governance" and "best practices." During the 2007-08 Financial Crisis, his job evolved and he became responsible for writing "material" to downplay his company's involvement

in the collapse of the world's financial markets. That company shall remain nameless, but there was an HBO movie about it.

After that therapy-inducing experience, Ben walked away from corporate America and discovered his passion for television writing. He has worked as an assistant on several hit TV shows, including CASTLE, FAIRLY LEGAL and UP ALL NIGHT. In 2013, he was selected to participate in the prestigious ABC Television Writing Program and was a Staff Writer on the ABC Family drama series, CHASING LIFE. He was also the writers' assistant/script coordinator on AMERICAN CRIME with Oscar-winning writer, John Ridley. Currently, he is a Staff Writer on the upcoming Amazon series, HAND OF GOD.

Ben recently produced a pilot presentation, which is now in development as a comedy series at HBO. "BROS" is semi-autobiographical show, based on Ben's life, about three African-American brothers, two straight and one gay, each trying to find love in modern-day LA but screwing everything up along the way. Ben is also currently developing a feature film at Relativity Media.

Better Brothers Los Angeles and The DIVA Foundation are proud to present Benjamin Cory Jones with the inaugural "***Passing the Torch***" Truth Award.