

A portrait of a man with short dark hair, wearing a vibrant red button-down shirt. He is looking off to the right with a thoughtful expression. The background is dark and moody, with a spotlight effect on his face and shirt.

LARCJEFF Productions presents

BELAFONTE

Unauthorized

A SHARED HUMANITY

Starring:
Austen Jaye

THE SHOW

“Raw talent! Many people can act but not many actors can pull off a phenomenal one-man show. Austen Jaye recreated an era and told an unforgettable story about Harry Belafonte.”

A must see show!!”

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ACTOR INTERVIEW



Inspired by the journey of Belafonte - a Caribbean American turned Hollywood leading man and then advocate for the anti-apartheid movement before becoming a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador - Jaye with the mindset that Harry Belafonte's life should be recognized, began crafting a one man show about the 89-year-old living legend

“One thing led to another and I found myself creating a solo show out of respect and to pay homage. We created something that is respectful, honest and very true to his life,” said Jaye.

The end result was “Belafonte Unauthorized: A Shared Humanity.”

Hollywood Actor Austen Jaye Brings Story Of Living Legend Harry Belafonte To Stage

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Being Belafonte: Actor Austen Jaye Brings Hollywood Legend's Story To Stage

Almost two years ago, actor **Austen Jaye** was scrolling through his Twitter timeline and his friend, writer and digital content creator **Issa Rae**, posted an article that posed the question: "Will Hollywood Allow Blacks To Make Love On The Big Screen?" The story featured a photo of Hollywood greats **Harry Belafonte** and the late **Dorothy Dandridge** from the iconic film "Carmen Jones" and that visual sparked curiosity in Jaye.

"While the subject of the article grabbed my attention, I was even more interested in why we never hear about Mr. Belafonte. We mostly hear

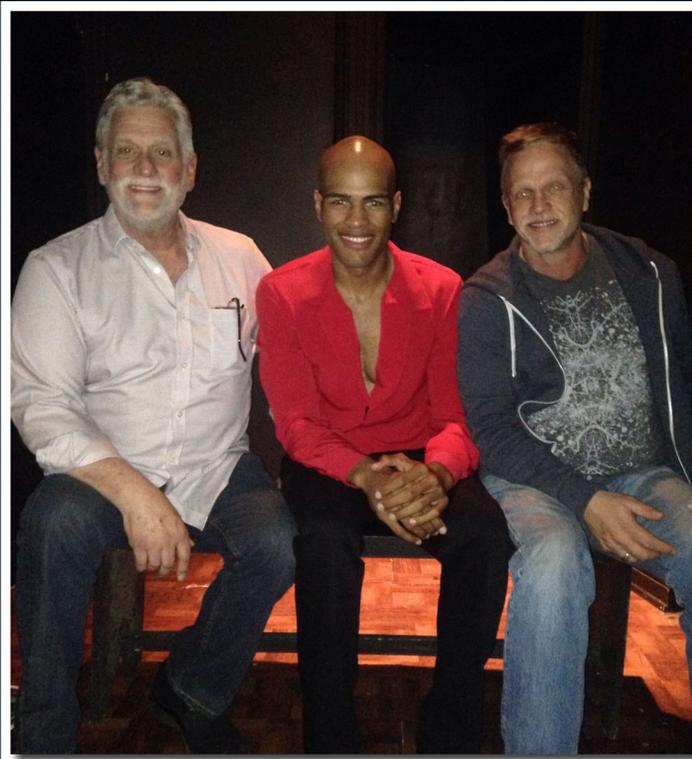


Austen Jaye with Grey's Anatomy/Activist Jesse Williams along with Gina Belafonte (Daughter of Harry Belafonte)



Austen Jaye & Spartacus Casting Director Paul Weber

SUPPORTERS



MASH Casting Director Sam Christensen, Austen Jaye & Guest



Director Iona Morris along with "Seinfeld's" Phil Morris

PRAISE



Johanna Vanderspool
red velvet

★★★★★ attended Apr 24 2016

Austen Jaye gives a tour de force performance. Truly remarkable to perform 21 characters without a hiccup. Kudos on this simple but emotive play.



Ginger

★★★★★ attended Apr 10 2016

Austen's performance was nothing short of brilliant! The multitude of accents and emotions was impressive. I laughed I (almost lol) cried... It's such a beautiful story and I'm glad someone is telling it!



Patricia Crowe Davis

★★★★★ attended Apr 23 2016

This Play was beautifully acted. I learned so much about Harry Belafonte. The writer and actor really did their research. An one man play but he acted so many roles successfully. I highly recommend this show.

GinaJay3

★★★★★ attended Apr 09 2016

Austen Jaye captured your attention from beginning to the end in this one man show. This was a detailed performance by Austen and he did a dynamic job in portraying Harry Belafonte. This is a must see show.



Debbie Burnett

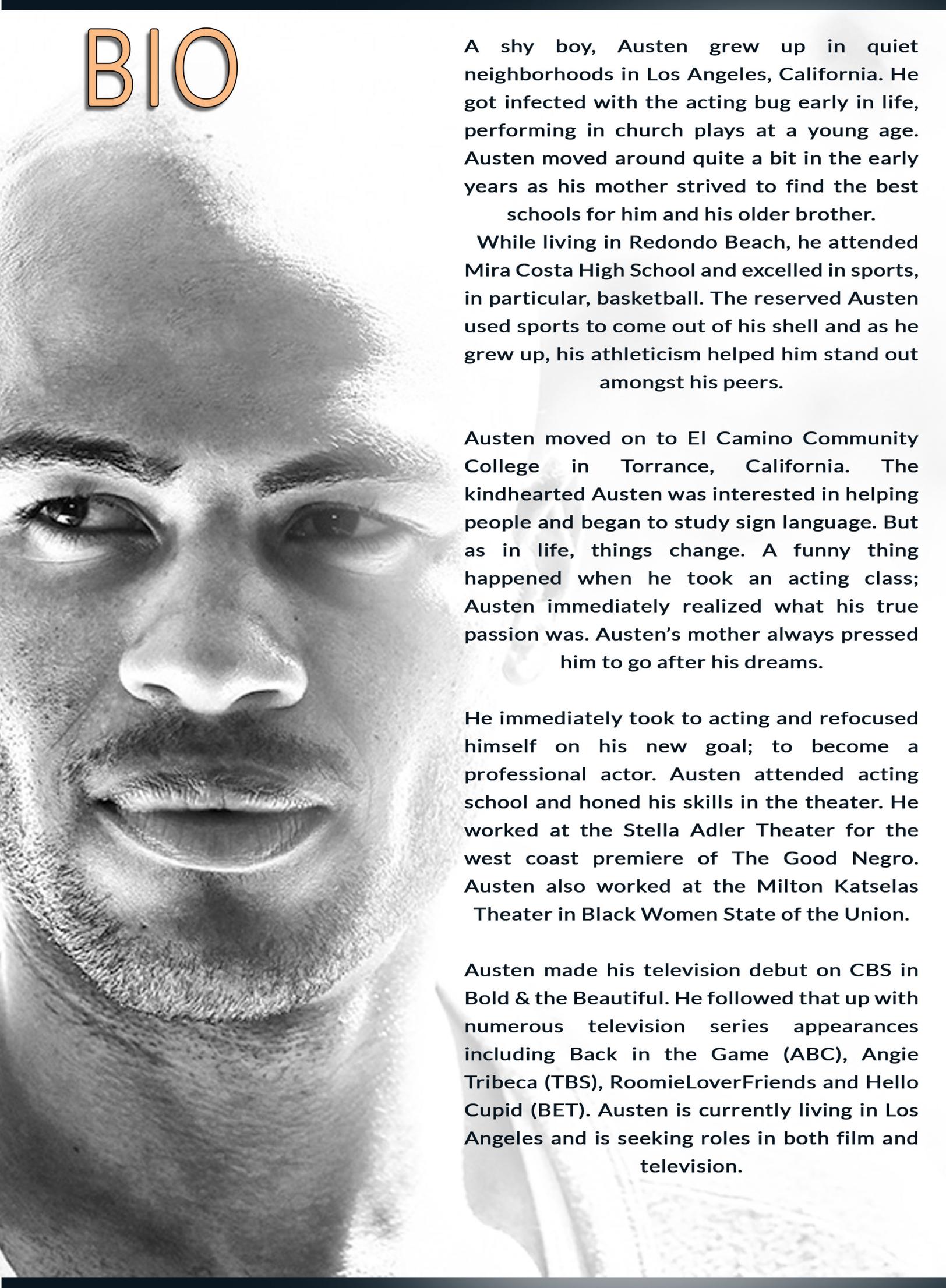
★★★★★ attended Apr 17 2016

We learned a lot about Harry Belafonte. Ashton did a fabulous job portraying Mr. Belafonte's life to some, like myself, that did not know a lot about his early years.



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BIO



A shy boy, Austen grew up in quiet neighborhoods in Los Angeles, California. He got infected with the acting bug early in life, performing in church plays at a young age. Austen moved around quite a bit in the early years as his mother strived to find the best schools for him and his older brother.

While living in Redondo Beach, he attended Mira Costa High School and excelled in sports, in particular, basketball. The reserved Austen used sports to come out of his shell and as he grew up, his athleticism helped him stand out amongst his peers.

Austen moved on to El Camino Community College in Torrance, California. The kindhearted Austen was interested in helping people and began to study sign language. But as in life, things change. A funny thing happened when he took an acting class; Austen immediately realized what his true passion was. Austen's mother always pressed him to go after his dreams.

He immediately took to acting and refocused himself on his new goal; to become a professional actor. Austen attended acting school and honed his skills in the theater. He worked at the Stella Adler Theater for the west coast premiere of *The Good Negro*. Austen also worked at the Milton Katselas Theater in *Black Women State of the Union*.

Austen made his television debut on CBS in *Bold & the Beautiful*. He followed that up with numerous television series appearances including *Back in the Game* (ABC), *Angie Tribeca* (TBS), *RoomieLoveFriends* and *Hello Cupid* (BET). Austen is currently living in Los Angeles and is seeking roles in both film and television.

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