

David T. Manuel

Author, Artist, Community Activist

Author of the inspirational book, "I Am A Father", is an inspiration to the art world of Atlanta, GA as well. As the Director of Communications and Project Director for the Woodruff Arts Center (Atlanta, GA), Manuel is responsible for organizing and facilitating programs that promote art and is the spokesman for special events and community activities. In this capacity, Manuel has brought to Atlanta, the Start with Art program which links local business volunteers with public school classrooms to study art, Celebrate Diversity, which celebrates the multi-cultural fabric of Atlanta and its role within the art community by offering resources that build awareness and participation within the diverse audiences that the Woodruff Arts Center serves. His latest program, the Urban Film Review, showcase independent American films monthly. He is the Project Director for HBO's premier screenings at the Center and the Project Director of the Montreux Jazz Festival in 2005. Mr. Manuel's dedication to his community is endless as he serves on the Executive Boards of The Collanwolde Fine Arts Center, the Caribbean Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta, The Atlanta Business League, The Boys & Girls Club of DeKalb County and little league football coach for Mountain Park Association. A mentoring program with the Atlanta Public School System is his next project.

Mr. Manuel's belief in celebrating art, life and community is evident in his book "I Am A Father". The book is designed to shine a positive light on the achievements and dedication of African American fathers. Told in first person testimonials by the children, Mr. Manuel has captured the bond and importance of paternal involvement in a child's life. Another goal for the book is to open up dialogue amongst communities and dispense the dead beat dad stereotype of African American fathers. Candid family experiences and truths about the fathers, both famous and unfamous, are told and the dedication to their children is undeniable. Mr. Manuel's story of fatherhood is also included by his sons, Branden and Blake. Mr. Manuel has been invited as a special guest and appearance at the 2nd Annual My Father, My Hero a program celebrating African American fathers in Seattle, WA on April 22, 2008.

Mr. Manuel lives in Lilburn, Georgia, with sons Branden and Blake. To contact Mr. Manuel, please email david_manuel@comcast.net or by phone, 678.575.7059. "I Am A Father" is available online at www.iamafather.net and at www.amazon.com.