

# INSPIREDBEAUTY: I AM MEN'S PANEL

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## **Alexjandro Pineda | Panel Facilitator** (Pastor, Author, & Entrepreneur)

Alexjandro Pineda "Pastor Alex" is a pastor, speaker, and author whose desire is to share the love of God in an authentic way that affects lives. He has committed his life to being an example for men and enjoys partnering with others to spread the Gospel.

As a leader, his heart is to help others find out who they are, and whose they are, by reminding them that they were made by a loving Creator who cares for them deeply. It is in this spirit he authored his first book, *Married to the Promise*, where he shares his candid and inspiring story of love, homelessness, drug addiction, and God's faithfulness.

Previously, Pastor Alex served as the Executive Pastor of New Dawn Christian Village (Los Angeles, CA). Later in 2013, God called Pastor Alex to begin a work patterned after the Acts Church called, Kingdom House of Worship. With his wife by his side, they began the first KHOW in Inglewood, CA in their own home, and have since planted 3 other locations across the country, with a 4th on the way.

Pastor Alex is honored to lead KHOW and watch the transformative power of the Word of God as leaders are established, hearts are healed, and people are encountering God daily. As both a speaker and author, Pastor Alex is sought after by various ministries and organizations to share and train leaders.

Currently, he is working on his second book and running his Home Improvement & Design company, *Attention To Detail*. With a paint brush in his hand, he is not only bringing beauty to homes, but the beauty of Jesus to the lives of those seeking.



## **Ryan Sands** (Artist & Actor)

Since beginning his acting career back in his native Washington, DC, Ryan Sands has amassed several television and film credits, including the recurring role as Officer "Truck" Garrick on HBO's acclaimed series, *The Wire*, criminal defense attorney, Leroy Barnes on Spike TV's mini-series, *The Kill Point*, and numerous guest-starring roles on shows such as *ER*, *Hack*, *NCIS*, *Scorpion*, *Castle*, *Grimm*. Most recently Ryan guest-starred on the Season 3 premiere of TNT's *Murder in the First* as well as an episode of *Prison Break* which returns to Fox in the Fall of 2016. Ryan has also been featured in several national commercials for companies such as CarMax, McDonald's, Ford, and Verizon.

In 2015, Ryan launched the website, [www.itsrsands.com](http://www.itsrsands.com). This site features Ryan's original artwork which includes illustrations from everything from sneakers to superheroes.

Currently, Ryan is hard at work developing his first feature film, *When Autumn Leaves*. The film is a romantic drama and is on track to shoot on location in Washington, DC in the Fall of 2016.

Ryan strives to use his artwork, filmmaking and acting endeavors as avenues to encourage youth to remove limitations, ignore negativity and pursue their dreams passionately.

Find out more at: [www.whenautumnleaves.com](http://www.whenautumnleaves.com)



### **Antonio Charity** (Actor)

Antonio D. Charity is from Surry County, Virginia. He received a BFA degree from Howard University's Department of Theatre Arts where he was an acting major. After graduating from Howard University he moved to New York City and performed on many other Off-Broadway, regional and community theatres around the country.

His TV credits include appearances on *Charmed*, *House*, *The Shield*, *Law & Order*, *All My Children*, *Nip/Tuck*, *True Blood*, *Southland*, *Medium*, *Numb3rs*, *Bones*, *Sons of Anarchy*, *Shameless*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *NCIS: Los Angeles* and many others, including recurring roles on HBO's *The Wire*, Showtime's *House of Lies* and Comedy Central's *Tough Crowd With Colin Quinn*.

Antonio is also very active in community organizations and mentorship programs. He is a mentor and founding member of *The Menformation Project*, a mentoring group for boys that meets at Challenger's Boys and Girls Club in Los Angeles. In 2009 he and his wife began a non-profit organization for foster care kids - Kids In The Spotlight (KITS) teaches foster care kids to write, cast and star in their own short films.

Find out more at: [www.antoniocharity.com](http://www.antoniocharity.com)



### **Deon Boyce** (Asst. Director)

A native of Los Angeles, Deon Boyce is no stranger to working in the shadows of Hollywood. He actually prefers it. Who would have thought this former gang member turned former stock broker would choose to leave all of that behind and build a reputation in Hollywood.

For over 15 years Deon has worked behind the scenes in Hollywood making the movies and television shows loved by many, great! With a need to provide for his young family, he took a job as a security guard where a chance encounter led him to cutting his industry teeth on the critically acclaimed *Training Day*, with Denzel Washington. From there he began to pursue his passion for film directing. His resume is extensive, working as an Assistant Director on cult favorites such as *Twilight*, *The Purge*, *The Purge: Anarchy*, and *Dixieland*. Currently he can be found in the shadows making sure that everything runs smoothly on *Rosewood*. To date, Deon's IMDB Filmography has over 35 credits.

Father of four boys and grandfather of four, Deon is a man-builder. He is passionate about building youth to men of high integrity and standard. Deon spends a lot of his time talking to young men about life and gang culture and helping them make "a choice" for a better life.



### **Brandon Patton** (Entrepreneur)

Brandon Patton or as everyone calls him B With The Beard, is a beard connoisseur. Through his popular and fast growing social media channels, B With The Beard shares his advice on proper techniques to achieve a healthy and lustrous beard with men in over 30 countries around the world.

As the owner of Black Men's Grooming Den B With The Beard is building the largest marketplace of health and grooming products to address the grooming needs of men of color. B With The Beard can be found on his Snapchat, YouTube, Instagram and Facebook.

Find out more at: [www.blackmensgroomingden.com](http://www.blackmensgroomingden.com)