

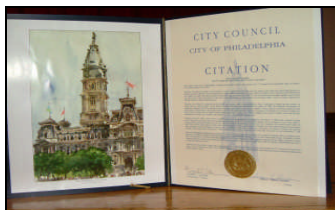


ECBACC Mini-History III:

By Yumy Odom, ECBACC Founder

The ECBACC, Inc. Board, STARS Program and Website officially established in the Spring 2006 with the professional support of: **Maurice Waters**, Founder of the Black Sci-Fi Society and ECBACC VP, who has diligently served for 6 years as the ECBACC Event Coordinator; **Akinseye Brown**, Founder of Sokoya Comics and ECBACC Secretary, who has served as the ECBACC STARS Education Chairman for 3 years; **Stephanie Brandford**, ECBACC Treasurer, who has diligently served as ECBACC Project Manager / WebMistress for 3 years; **Henri-Lamar Dozier**, ECBACC Workshop Coordinator, who has served as a tech-troubleshooter for 6 years; and **Terence Hall**, ECBACC WebMaster, who served for 2 years ('06 –'07).

In the Spring 2006: ECBACC inaugurated the **ECBACC Synergy Group (ESG)**. The ESG was created as a forum and network among the professionals from the Philadelphia area (creators, publishers and retailers) who participate in the Convention and who work in the industry in order to cultivate the Black comic book community in Philadelphia. An annual membership fee of \$100 covers a 50% discount on ECBACC vending and admission, free business card placement in the ECBACC program guide, 75% discount on banner ads on the ECBACC website, free 30-second video on the website, and access to ESG workshops and exclusive networking events, including select museum, library and school / university presentations and exhibits. **Shawn Alleyne** served as ESG Manager for approximately one year ('07 – '08).



Spring 2006: ECBACC received state and city citations from Sen. Shirley Kitchen and from the City Council of Philadelphia, respectively, making May ECBACC month in Philadelphia!



Historical Note: 5th Annual ECBACC – Friday and Saturday, May 19 & 20, 2006. With yet another successful event with approximately 500 industry professionals and comic book, sci-fi and fantasy aficionados who joined us over the 2-day period.



Friday, May 19, 2006: At the 5th Annual ECBACC, the ECBACC reached further out into the comics industry at large to present the first **Glyph Comics Awards** for outstanding achievement in comics. The Glyph Awards recognize the best in comics made by, for, and about Black people from the preceding calendar year. While it is not exclusive to Black creators, it does strive to honor those who have made the greatest contributions to the comics medium in terms of both critical and commercial impact. The Glyph Awards are named for the web log Glyphs: The Language of the Black Comics Community <http://glyphsonline.blogspot.com> started in 2005 by comics journalist **Rich Watson** (who also served as the first GCA Host) as a means to provide news and commentary of comics with Black themes, as well as tangential topics in the fields of Black science-fiction, fantasy and animation. Cartoonist **Jamar Nicholas** served as the GCA Host from 2007.



Historical Note: 6th Annual ECBACC – Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18, 2007. Yet another successful event with approximately 600 industry professionals and comic book, sci-fi and fantasy aficionados who joined over the 2-day period.

Fall 2007: ECBACC, Inc. followed up on an initiative introduced at the first and second events (**The ECBACC Anthology!**) and created **the ECBACC Read For Fun Workbook** (RFF). Filled with puzzles, games, grammar lessons and mini-comic book tales submitted by Alex Simmons, William H. Foster III, David Quintana, Akinseye Brown, Stephanie Brandford, Kamau Mshale, Shawn Alleyne, Gregory Walker and Yumy Odom, the RFF has been received with great acclaim by parents, educators and students alike!



Historical Note: 7th Annual ECBACC – Friday and Saturday, May 16 & 17, 2008. Yet another successful event with approximately 700 industry professionals and comic book, sci-fi and fantasy aficionados who joined over the 2-day period.



Historical Note: 8th Annual ECBACC – Friday and Saturday, May 15 & 16, 2009.

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And, the list of honorees, guests, panelists and attendees continues to grow:

William H. Foster III (CT); Jerry Craft (CT); Omar Bilal (MD); Eric Battle (PA); Roland Laird (NJ); Maurice Waters (PA); Lance Tooks (NY); Patrick Jackson (MI); Paul Martin (Ontario, Canada); Dave Watkins (Ontario, Canada); Arvell Jones (MI); André Batts (MI); Kenjji (MI); Titus Thomas (NY); Bro. Grey (NY); Desmond Jones (MI); Howard Simpson (NY); Dawud Anyabwile (PA /GA); Jamal Igle (NY); Anthony Jappa (KS); Reginald Jappa (KS); Rob Stull (GA); Gloretta Baynes (GA); Reggie Byers (PA); Jamar Nicholas (PA); Elihu Bey (GA); Joseph R. Wheeler III (GA); Gregory Walker aka "Bro. G." (IL); Akinseye Brown (PA); Aaron Beatty (PA); Henri Dozier (NJ); Emeka Rajjis (PA); Asli Dukan (NY); Paris Cullins (PA); Meki Ra (PA); Terence Hall (NY); Kyle Baker (NY); Kevin Greivoux (CA); Robb Armstrong (PA); Turtel Onli (IL); Mshindo I (NC); Alex Simmons (NY); L.A. Banks (PA); Eric "The Smoke" Moran (PA); Trevor Von Eeden (NY); Tony Isabella (NY); Ashley Woods (IL); Nell Wilson aka "Fat Momma" (CA); Dwayne McDuffie (CA); Taimak Guarriello (NY); Samuel Joyner (PA); Bertram Fitzgerald (NY); Tony Tallarico (NY); Larry Fuller (NY); Nichelle Nichols aka "Lt. Nyota Uhura" (CA); Robert Garreth (NY)... **And many more!**

And, as of May 2009: We have celebrated the 8th Annual East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention, the nation's premiere Black Comic Book Convention, and continue to wage an epic battle for ennobling, empowering and balanced imagery in the comic book, sci-fi and fantasy industry.

FYI: See Definitive.Comics.Article.2K9: The Contemporary Black Comic Book Hero / Superhero: Waging an Epic Battle!

ECBACC Website: www.ecbacc.com



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