



KEYNOTE SPEAKER KOFI BOAKYE



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024, 5 PM

Jean Hower Taber Student Union Gardner Theatre

This event is free and open to the public!



In celebration of Black History Month, join us in a conversation with **Kofi Boakye...** the other kid from Akron.

From Akron to accolades, Kofi B., the 24-year-old Ohio-born 2x Emmy® Nominated pianist, producer, and actor, has captivated the world with his innovative approach to music and public speaking. His creative endeavors have resonated globally on social media, drawing the attention of millions. In 2018, Kofi won a Silver medal in the NAACP ACT-SO National Competition, joining the ranks alongside notable figures like actor Anthony Anderson, and songstresses Lauryn Hill, Jennifer Hudson, & Alicia Keys.

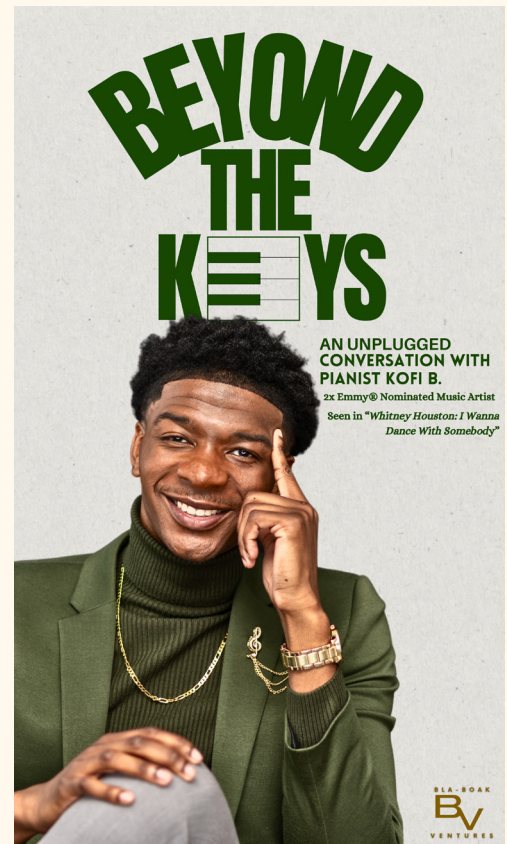
While music remains at the core of his artistic expression, Kofi's achievements transcend the stage. In 2021, he established BlaBoak Ventures, his media production company, earning two Emmy® Nominations by 2022 for outstanding interviews and musical content produced under his company.

In 2022, Kofi clinched victory at the Apollo Theater's "Amateur Night At The Apollo" Competition, earning the coveted official winner title and a \$20,000 Grand Prize from the renowned theater.

Adding to his repertoire, Kofi recently made his acting debut in the blockbuster film, "Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody," showcasing his piano skills as the late singer's pianist and contributing to the film's music alongside Houston's music director, Rickey Minor.

Beyond his individual accomplishments, Kofi has co-billed shows and opened for notable artists such as Charlie Wilson, Will Downing, Roy Ayers, Marsha Ambrosius and Musiq Soulchild. His multifaceted journey also includes being featured on the Tamron Hall Show, solidifying his presence in the industry.

As Kofi continues to break boundaries, the journey promises more chapters of success, inspiration, and artistic brilliance from "The Other Kid From Akron".



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