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## **Urban Consulate welcomes #1 NYT bestselling author Jason Reynolds to Detroit**

*Free tickets open for public event at The Garden Theater*

*Detroit, MI* — Inspired by his brilliance as a writer, poet, storyteller, teacher, and lover of learning, **Urban Consulate** is honored to welcome #1 New York Times bestselling author **Jason Reynolds** to Detroit for a conversation with host **Orlando P. Bailey** to celebrate the power of Black wisdom, imagination and expertise in building more just and equitable communities.

Reynolds will headline an evening premiere of **Urban Consulate: In Session** — a new collection of recorded wisdom from visionary changemakers — on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 6:30 p.m.** at **The Garden Theater**, 3929 Woodward Avenue, in Detroit. Tickets are free to the public thanks to generous support from **Ford Foundation** and **Skillman Foundation**. All ages welcome. Seating is limited; advance registration online: <http://urbanconsulate.com/jasonreynolds>

### **An Evening with Jason Reynolds will feature:**

- A conversation with **Jason Reynolds**, moderated by **Orlando P. Bailey**, host of Urban Consulate, co-host of Authentically Detroit, and Engagement Director of Bridge Detroit;
- Premiere of **Urban Consulate: In Session**, a new collection of recorded wisdom on building more just and equitable communities, featuring **Jessica Care Moore, Devita Davison, Shari Davis, Dr. Craig Wilkins, Darnell Adams and Orlando P. Bailey**, with guest appearances by **Yodit Mesfin Johnson** and **Candice Fortman**;
- Book sales and signing by **Source Booksellers**; and
- Video and photography by **Afrochine** and **Valaurian Waller**.



## About Jason Reynolds

[Jason Reynolds](#) is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of many [award-winning books](#), including *Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks*; *All American Boys* (with Brendan Kiely); *Long Way Down*; *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You* (with Ibram X. Kendi); *Stuntboy, in the Meantime* (illustrated by Raul the Third); and *Ain't Burned All the Bright* (with artwork by Jason Griffin).

The recipient of a Newbery Honor, a Printz Honor, an NAACP Image Award, and multiple Coretta Scott King honors, Reynolds was the 2020-2022 [National Ambassador for Young People's Literature](#). He has appeared on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, The Daily Show with Trevor Noah, Late Night with Seth Meyers, CBS Sunday Morning, Good Morning America, and various media outlets. He is on faculty at Lesley University, for the Writing for Young People MFA Program and lives in Washington, D.C.

## About Urban Consulate

[Urban Consulate](#) brings people together to share ideas for building more just and equitable communities. The Consulate believes that sharing space for honest dialogue and the exchange of knowledge is necessary to transform ourselves, our communities, and our world.

Since 2016, the Consulate has convened thousands of city-builders and changemakers in Detroit, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Austin, Cincinnati and Chicagoland to learn, heal and build together.

On April 5, 2023, Urban Consulate is debuting *In Session*, a new collection of recorded wisdom on building more just and equitable communities filmed at The Cochrane House in Detroit and made possible thanks to support from the Ford Foundation.

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