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## BIOGRAPHY HY

Carl Anthony Payne, a successful actor, producer, and director, was born on May 24, 1969 in the small town of Clinton, South Carolina. He began working towards his acting career at a young age by studying at the First All Children's Theater, which was an off Broadway repertory theater company. He later attended Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts in New York City. Payne continued his training and education at Howard University in Washington, DC. He is best known for his reoccurring roles as Theo Huxtable's best friend "Cockroach" on the ever popular and classic NBC's hit series, The Cosby Show and as "Cole Brown" on the FOX network TV series Martin.

Payne stays on top of his career by not allowing himself to be stereotyped or pigeon holed. He continues to display his versatility on screen by playing roles such as Reynold St. James, on the popular BET series The Game, to most recently renowned producer L.A. Reid in VH1's TLC biopic. He has directed and produced music videos, web series and short films, all while continuing to showcase his stand-up comedy in different cities.

As a longtime resident of Los Angeles, California, now residing in Atlanta, Georgia Payne has remained relevant among peers by his continued pursuit of excellence and commitment to legacy. Aside from being on the big screen, Payne's commitment to community enrichment and charitable organizations is never ending.





## **MOVIES & SITCOMS**

The Cosby Show (1986–1987)

Hull High (1990)

Quantum Leap

(Episode: "A Single Drop of Rain") (1991)

Martin (1992–1997)

The Breaks (1999)

Rock Me Baby (2004)

The Evidence (2006)

George Lopez (2006)

Girlfriends (2007)

Feast 2: Sloppy Seconds (2008)

Feast 3: The Happy Finish (2009)

Under One Roof (2008)

Love Me or Leave Me (2010)

He's Mine Not Yours (2011)

The Game (2012)

Marriage Material (2013)

Crazy Sexy Cool (2013)

Clunkers (2013)

TLCBiopic (2013)

Marry Me For Christmas (2013)

2013 Soul Train Awards

(Presenter, Performer)

2013 Ringmaster for UniverSoul Circus

The Dark Sorcerer (2013)

Rickey Smiley Show (2013)

CrazySexyCool (L.A. Reid / 2013)

Marry Me For Christmas (UPTV / 2013)

What Love Will Make You Do (2013)

Kinship (2013)

At Mamu's Feet (2013)

When One Door Closes

(Nollywood Film) (2013)

Coming Correct (2013)

For Richer or For Poorer (GMC / 2013)

First Impression (2013)

Marry Us for Christmas (2014)

First Impression (2014)

One Love - 8 Episodes (2014)

What Love Will Make You Do (2015)

Conflict of Interest (2015)

My First Love (Video) (2015)

Love the One You're With (2015)

## **STAGE PLAYS**

The Measure of a Man

Diary of Black Men

Lord All Men Can't Be Dogs

Cheaters and Men

Money & Golddiggers

Theres A Stranger In My House

For Richer or Poorer

Love Overboard

Family Mess

