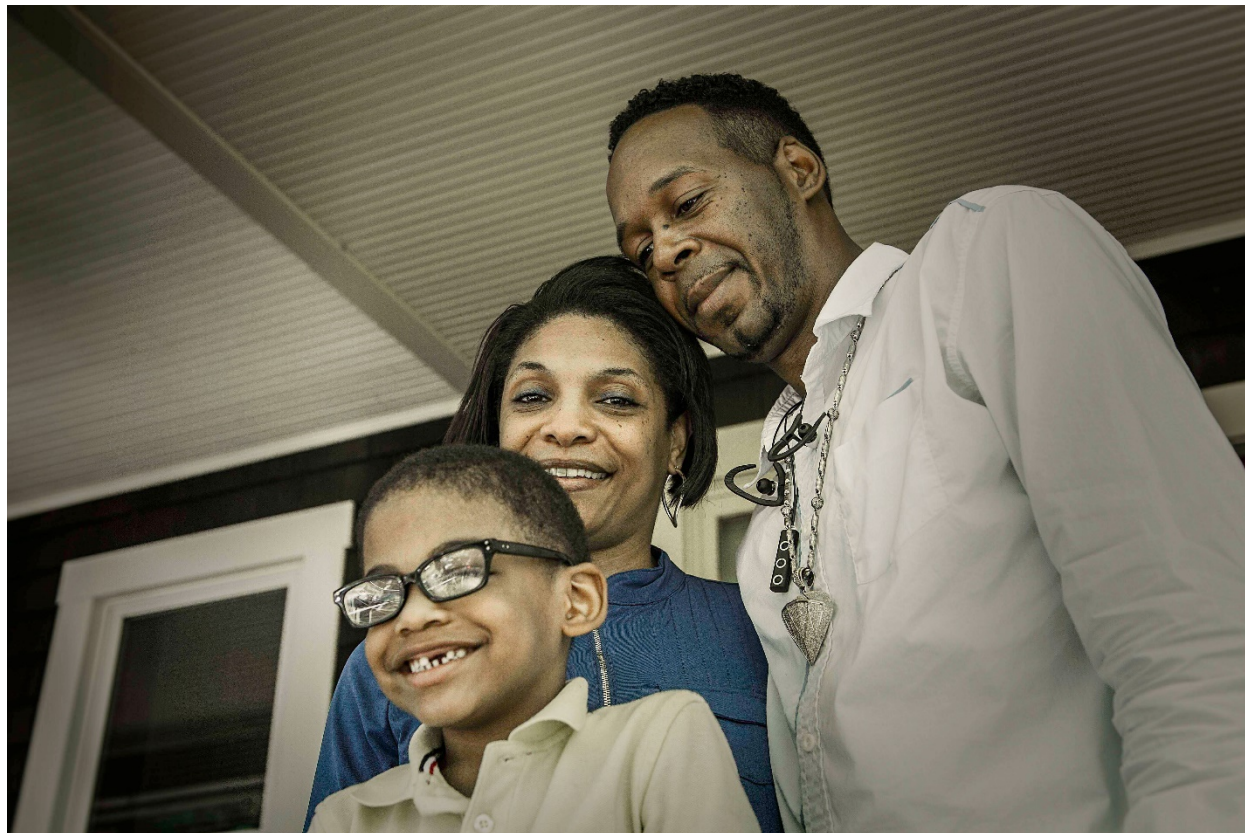


## The Peale, Baltimore

*Out of the Blocks* Storytelling Series

Recorded by Aaron Henkin; Photographs and Music by Wendel Patrick

Produced for the Out of the Blocks website, created by the Peale, <https://ootb.thepeale.org/>



Tony ([00:00](#)):

Tony. 633 Deepdene Road.

Latoya Willies ([00:03](#)):

Latoya Willies, 633 Deepdene Road.

Tony ([00:07](#)):

Right now, we've been together 17 years, but married for six.

Eli ([00:12](#)):

[inaudible 00:00:12]

Tony ([00:12](#)):

---

*Out of the Blocks is supported by PRX and produced with grant funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Cohen Opportunity Fund, The Hoffberger Foundation, Patricia and Mark Joseph, The Shelter Foundation, The Kenneth S Batty Charitable Trust, The Sana and Andy Brooks Family Fund, The Muse Web Foundation, and the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the Baker Artist Portfolios. This program is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org).*

# The Peale, Baltimore

*Out of the Blocks* Storytelling Series

Recorded by Aaron Henkin; Photographs and Music by Wendel Patrick

Produced for the Out of the Blocks website, created by the Peale, <https://ootb.thepeale.org/>

Eli is our miracle baby.

Latoya Willies ([00:14](#)):

I had Eli at 26-and-a-half weeks, so all the math scholars out there, that's not quite seven months, but right about then.

Eli ([00:24](#)):

[inaudible 00:00:28]

Speaker 3 ([00:26](#)):

Eli is rambunctious, and he's a runner. That boy loves to run. When you look at him, you would not think he was in the hospital for two months and had to have blood transfusions. You would not think that little boy went through all of that. Thank you, Lord. You would not...that he's healthy. He's strong. He's very smart and he's rambunctious. Anyone want to watch an extra child? We'll pay you, no messing with it.

Eli ([00:54](#)):

Daddy's name.

Tony ([00:56](#)):

What does your daddy do, is he on the radio?

Eli ([00:57](#)):

Yeah, he's on the radio.

Tony ([01:00](#)):

I have two radio stations or light radio stations. One is Gospel Nation Unlimited. The other one's Inside the Mind. DJ name is Dymondkutz, and Dymondkutz [inaudible 00:01:12] because no matter how the light hits, you will get something different every time.

Speaker 4 ([01:17](#)):

What is the Christian? To me, a Christian is one who lives by the word of God and tries to walk the path that Jesus walks. No, we're not Jesus, but we are righteous through God's eyes.

Tony ([01:39](#)):

---

*Out of the Blocks is supported by PRX and produced with grant funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Cohen Opportunity Fund, The Hoffberger Foundation, Patricia and Mark Joseph, The Shelter Foundation, The Kenneth S Battye Charitable Trust, The Sana and Andy Brooks Family Fund, The Muse Web Foundation, and the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the Baker Artist Portfolios. This program is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org).*

## The Peale, Baltimore

*Out of the Blocks* Storytelling Series

Recorded by Aaron Henkin; Photographs and Music by Wendel Patrick

Produced for the Out of the Blocks website, created by the Peale, <https://ootb.thepeale.org/>

First of all, what I do is [crosstalk 00:01:42] I'll come with the music. How do I want the tempo? And I lay that down first. Then after I lay that down, I come back, I play it and then I'll speak over it. Don't write it down. I just go out and feel it. And that's basically how my shows are.

Speaker 4 ([02:00](#)):

We as Christians need to open up, broaden our horizons.

Tony ([02:08](#)):

My thing is, I want to take you on a journey. Even though we're not in the same room, we take this journey together. We're going to rise. We're going to go. We may go around the world.

Speaker 4 ([02:22](#)):

Too many people wearing so many different masks because they don't know how to act. Just be you. Stop trying to be what everybody else wants you to be. No one can live life better than your life. Take it all in. Enjoy it.

---

*Out of the Blocks is supported by PRX and produced with grant funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Cohen Opportunity Fund, The Hoffberger Foundation, Patricia and Mark Joseph, The Shelter Foundation, The Kenneth S Battye Charitable Trust, The Sana and Andy Brooks Family Fund, The Muse Web Foundation, and the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the Baker Artist Portfolios. This program is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org).*