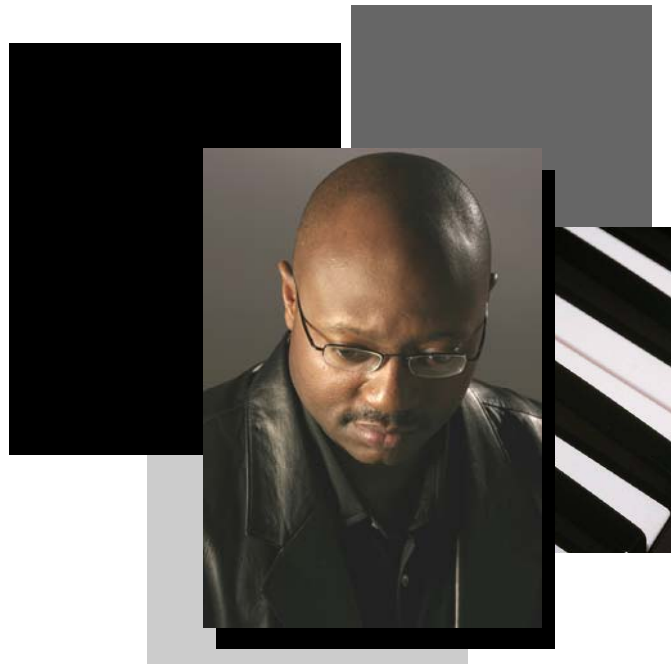


**Anthony Walker**  
CONTEMPORARY JAZZ PIANIST & COMPOSER



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## Biography



When you hear the silky sounds of Anthony Walker, it's easy to understand why this jazz is called smooth. With hints of gospel, ragtime, rhythm and blues, and classical, Anthony's soulful sounds are guaranteed to move you to a place you won't soon want to leave. His smooth sophisticated style has been compared to Herbie Hancock, Joe Sample, Bobby Lyles, and George Duke.

Anthony began his piano training in his native St. Paul, Minnesota, at age five, making his public debut just five years later. After high school, he studied classically at Alabama State University. While at ASU, Anthony entered a competition, pitting his talents against several recognized favorites. His fingers did the talking, and the judges heard what Anthony was saying. He won in two separate categories.

After leaving Alabama, Anthony moved north to earn his master's degree in piano performance at Temple University in Philadelphia. Having savored the tastes of three different American regions, his performances then took him across the nation and around the world.

Anthony has pleased audiences on four continents, sharing the stage with acts such as Stevie Wonder, Patti Austin, John Blake, Take Six, Donnie McClurkin and BeBe & CeCe Winans. He also spent five months on Broadway and 18 months touring with The Winans in a Gospel musical. But some of Anthony's most memorable performances weren't given in a concert hall or club, but rather in a museum.

In 2000-2001, Anthony was invited to be part of the Smithsonian Institution's 18-month-long exhibit of historic pianos. As part of this showcase, Anthony played pianos that had been favored instruments of artists as diverse as Liberace and Liszt, plus Duke Ellington, Beethoven and Mozart.

Anthony resides in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area with his wife, vocalist Bonita Walker, and their two children. His service to the community as leader of the music department at a large area church and as a mentor/coach to church music departments internationally helps him stay connected to his roots.

Anthony is currently recording a collection of new tunes that promise to be smooth jazz classics. At least that's what people who have heard Anthony play them seem to think. The truth is, you don't know Anthony Walker until you've heard him play.

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## Fact Sheet

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**Hometown:** Washington, DC

**Birthplace:** St. Paul, Minnesota

**Marital Status:** He and wife Bonita have been married 17 years

**Family:** Anthony & Bonita have two children: Joshua and Lauren

**Program Idiom:** Contemporary Jazz, Smooth Jazz, R&B, and Instrumental Praise & Worship, Meditation

**Influences & Similar Style:** Joe Sample, Bobby Lyles, George Duke, Oscar Peterson

**Market Strengths:**

- Immediate Smooth Jazz Music with R&B and Gospel Cross-over
- Potential appeal with Adults (cross gender/cultural)

**Other Recordings**

- Come Inside
- Times of Life
- Piano Hymns and Melodies
- Christmas Time

**Additional Data:** Versatile composer, keyboardist...Looking to collaborate w/R&B, Jazz, Gospel Lyricist

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## Discography

<u>Artist</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Year</u>
Mr. Sterling Television Show	Song featured: New Morning	Composer	2003
Skip Pruitt	Eternity	Programmer, Composer, Arranger, Keyboards	2003
Steve Key	Peaceful Inspirations	Producer, Arranger, Keyboards	2003
Charrisse Nelson-McIntosh	Live in DC	Producer, Arranger, Keyboards	2001
Richard Smallwood	Persuaded, Live in DC	Piano	2001
Philander Smith College Choir	Philander Smith College Choir	Producer, Arranger	2000
Richard Smallwood	Healing, Live in Detroit	Piano	1998
TD Jakes with the Potter's House Mass Choir	Shout in The House	Piano	1998
Vickie Winans	Live in Detroit II	Piano	1998
Hope Christian Church Mass Choir	Hope Christian Church Mass Choir	Producer, Arranger, Keyboards	1996
Nancy Wilson	Song: Loving You Loving Me	Electric Piano	1996
Richard Smallwood	Adoration, Live in Atlanta	Piano	1996
Vickie Winans	Live in Detroit	Piano	1996
Isaac Hayes	Christmas Album	Organ	1993
Lamora Park Mass Choir	Live in Toronto	Piano	1990

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## Venues/Events

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<u>Venue</u>	<u>City, St</u>
B.E.T. Soundstage	Largo, MD
B.E.T. Jazz Club	Washington, DC
Smithsonian Museum	Washington, DC
Kennedy Center	Washington, DC
Air and Space Museum	Washington, DC
Victory Christian Center	Port Elizabeth, South Africa
Kingdom Faith Church	West Sussex, England
Church On The Rock	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Impacting Your World Christian Center	Philadelphia, PA
Careview Community Church	Philadelphia, PA
Martin Luther King Community Center	St. Paul, MN
Blue Mountain Christian Retreat	New Rhinegold, PA
Spirit of Washington Boat Cruise - DC on the Potomac	Washington, DC
Mississippi Blvd Christian Church	Memphis, TN
Montgomery Civic Center	Montgomery, AL
Christian Life Church	Montgomery, AL
Anglican Church	Manchester, England
Corestates Auditorium	Philadelphia, PA
Longacre Theatre, Broadway	New York, NY
Capitol Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church	Washington, DC
Emanuel Covenant Church	Hyattsville, MD
19th Street Baptist Church	Philadelphia, PA
Concordia College	St. Paul, MN
Philander Smith University	Little Rock Arkansas
Lincoln University	Cheyney, PA
World Vision Headquarters	Washington DC

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## Quotes/Reviews

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"Anthony Walker is a world class musician, period."

Gary Hines, songwriter, producer  
w/Grammy Award winning Sounds of Blackness

"Anthony Walker is one of the most accomplished and gifted musicians in this industry. He has worked with me for almost ten years, and I am still amazed at the gift that God has given him. His musical expertise in general and knowledge on the keyboard is second to none. This combined with his wonderful spirit has and will continue to open many doors for him."

Richard Smallwood, Grammy, Stellar, and Dove award  
winning pianist, composer, singer, producer

"Anthony Walker is one of the smoothest and cleanest players I've ever experienced playing with. His sense of comprehending and accompanying is impeccable. His style is as pure as fresh water and his gift can also cut like a razor blade all at the same time. Ladies and Gentleman, the man that I call Mr. Undeniable, Anthony Walker."

Jonathan DuBose Jr., guitarist with Harry Connick, Jr.  
and sought after session musician

"Anthony Walker?? Sheer brilliance! How else do you describe someone who is that fluent in so many styles of music? Jazz, classical, gospel....he fuses them together so beautifully, he's da best! But hey, maybe I'm biased....he's my big brother, my Yoda, the cat that taught me. Tanx man!"

James Poyser, Grammy award winning  
Neo Soul producer, composer, keyboardist

You rock! Man! I was all into it. Awesome!!!

Late Great Sax man  
Grover Washington Jr.

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