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DREAM QUEEN OF THE MONTH: J MECHELLE





✨ DREAM QUEEN OF THE MONTH — CHICAGO ✨
Name: J Mechelle

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Q: Where are you from?
A: Joliet.

Q: What do you do?
A: I model. I do photoshoots, runway shows, and creative projects with photographers and designers.

Q: What made you want to start modeling?
A: Growing up, I always loved taking pictures and being in front of the camera. My mother actually modeled for a short period of time, so that inspired me as well. I've always had a love for fashion and expressing myself creatively. Modeling became a way for me to build my confidence, step outside my comfort zone, and express my personality.

Q: Who inspires you most in the industry?
A: One woman I really admire is Teyana Taylor. I love how versatile and unapologetically herself she is. Her confidence, creativity, and ability to express herself through fashion inspires me as a model.

GET TO KNOW THE QUEEN

J MECHELLE

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Q: What has been your favorite project so far?
A: One of my favorite moments in my modeling career so far was a retro diner photoshoot I did recently. It was my first creative shoot, and I really enjoyed stepping outside my comfort zone and bringing a vision to life. From the styling to the overall concept, everything was so fun and different from what I was used to. It allowed me to express another side of myself and reminded me why I love modeling.

Q: Who do you credit as your biggest supporters?
A: My faith in God & Family.

Q: How do you come up with your creative ideas?
A: My creative process usually starts with understanding the vision and concept behind the shoot. I love putting together inspiration boards & exploring different poses. Then bringing my own personality to the shoot.

Q: Random fact about you?
A: I like to make music



Q: Favorite food?
A: Soul Food.

Q: What's next for you?
A: Project in December 🤫

Q: Where can people follow or contact you?
A: Jeneaumcclain@gmail.com, @_jmechelle, and @officialjmechelle.



MODEL OF THE MONTH: NIA

"I'M PROUDLY REPPING CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, BUT MY ENERGY TRAVELS WHEREVER I GO."
— NIA SUTTON





Name: Nia Sutton (Nianachae)
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Q: Where are you based?
A: Chicago, Illinois.

Q: Who inspires you most in the industry?
A: I admire Naomi Campbell for her longevity, presence, and fearlessness. I also look up to the everyday creatives around me who hustle hard and create magic without waiting for permission.

Q: What do you do?
A: I'm a model, and I try to tell a story with every look. I treat my work like art, blending fashion, beauty, and expression into moments that inspire and pop out.

Q: Why did you start modeling?
A: I used to watch commercials and think, "I wanna be a Maybelline model. I wanna wear Levi's jeans, too!" Fashion and beauty became my outlets. Modeling gave me space to step into my power, own my image, and connect with people who see the world through a creative lens.

Q: What's your favorite project so far?
A: Seeing myself published after my first big shoot. That's when I realized my art could live beyond me and inspire someone else.

MODEL OF THE MONTH: NIA



Q: What keeps you motivated?
A: Remembering why I started and how far I've come. I've struggled with depression since I was young, and my faith in God and the people who showed up for me helped me keep getting back up. The idea that my life could inspire someone else to stay grounded pushes me forward.

Q: How do you come up with your creative ideas?
A: It starts with a mood. A color, a vibe, a feeling. I build the looks and poses from there. Sometimes I'll come up with an outfit and concept in the morning and shoot it that same night. I also use playlists and a mirror to set the tone before I step in front of the camera.



Q: Random fact about you?
A: I'm goofy behind the scenes. I'll hit a pose one second and crack a joke the next. People are often surprised by how cool and welcoming I am during shoots.

Q: Favorite foods?
A: Tacos. They're the perfect mix of flavor, fun, and versatility, just like me. And you can never go wrong with a good steak.

Q: What's next for you?
A: I've got new shoots dropping soon, plus some collabs with photographers and models I can't wait to share. Stay tuned. Big things are loading.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH:

TEE BENJI

"HOUSE OF BLUES WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY CAREER."



Artist of the Month: Tee Benji

Tee Benji is a jack of all trades from Englewood on Chicago's South Side. He raps, sings, dances, models, and acts. His best friend Mce Benji encouraged him to step into music. That journey took him to the House of Blues, where he performed for his biggest crowd yet.

Q: What keeps you grounded?
A: My family and a nice run. Running opens my mind and reminds my body to keep moving. Seeing my family happy makes me feel extraordinary.

Q: What's your name and stage name?
A: My name is Torey Donte Lavon Cooper, also known as Tee Benji.

Q: Where are you from?
A: I'm from Englewood on Chicago's South Side. I grew up between Chicago and Columbus, Ohio.



BEHIND THE BARS:

WHO IS TEE BENJI?

“I may look like the happiest person, but I be going through motions as much as everyone else..”



PHOTO CRED: @shotbylile

Q: What do you do?
A: I rap, sing, dance, model, and act. You name it. I’m a jack of all trades.

Q: How did you get started?
A: I danced first. My best friend Mce Benji kept telling me to make music. We were stuck like glue, and he helped me come out of my shell. After he passed, I knew I had to carry on and bring my own sound to life.

Q: Who inspires you?
A: Michael Jackson changed the world with clean music. Chris Brown brought a new energy to our generation, and Usher brought his own sound between both eras. All three dance while they perform. That’s the kind of artist I am.

Q: What’s been your favorite moment so far?
A: House of Blues was my biggest stage and my biggest crowd. We rehearsed with a live band, my people showed up, and I legit cried afterward. Much love to Beleshia “Lyrical” McCulley and DJ Loveday for bringing me to that stage.

Q: What’s your creative process like?
A: I live life and let the little things spark ideas for skits, songs, and dances. You can’t rush greatness. When I’m in a slump, I take time to breathe and remember what makes me me.

Q: What’s something people might not know about you?
A: I may look like the happiest person, but I be going through motions as much as everyone else. Growing up between Columbus and Chicago shaped me, too. Columbus had more of a college-town feel. Chicago was grittier and taught me to go get it by any means necessary.

Q: What are you working on right now?
A: More shows, a deluxe album on my birthday, a collab tape with King Tink, and plenty more.

Q: Where can people find you?
A: Tee Benji on all platforms and socials.

WHAT'S THE STITCH, MITCH?



Paying attention is more than just looking, it's about being present. Too many people go through life distracted, moving fast but not moving forward. When you truly pay attention, you catch the lessons in your losses, the opportunities in your struggles, and the blessings in your daily grind. Awareness is the first step to growth, because you can't fix what you refuse to notice. The question is: are you awake to your own potential, or are you sleepwalking through your purpose?

"WHAT YOU PUT IN, IS WHAT YOU GET OUT"

FOLLOW SHAWN MITCH ON INSTAGRAM
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“WHAT’S THE STITCH MITCH” (CONT’D)



PHOTO CRED: @SHAUNANDRU

“YOUR HABITS TODAY WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE YOU FACE TOMORROW.”

Consistency is the real cheat code. It’s not about doing something once with hype, it’s about showing up every single day with intention. The man in the mirror doesn’t just see your goals, he sees your grind. Every choice you make is a stitch in the fabric of your future, and over time, those stitches come together to create the life you’re really building. Don’t wait on luck, don’t wait on handouts, build it, brick by brick, habit by habit. I’ve always been a fan of chess because it teaches you how one wrong move can throw off an entire gameplan. Make your next move your best move. Always.

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DESIGNER OF THE MONTH: SPEECHLESS FASHION CEO: @ABM_REESE35

“SEEING THE SMILES ON PEOPLES FACE WHEN THEY PUT SOEMTHING ON THAT I MADE KEEPS ME MOTIVATED.”



🛍️ Product Highlights:

- **ORIGINAL JOGGING SUIT**

Available now



- **SPEECHLESS BASEBALL CAP**

“CLASSIC PIECE”

Available now



Q: What keeps you motivated?
A: Seeing the smiles on people’s faces when they put on something I made keeps me motivated.

Q: Who inspires you?
A: I look up to John Monopoly, Mikky, Halsted, and JB. They’ve really inspired me in the industry.

Q: Who are some people you’ve connected with along the way?
A: I’ve made some good friends along the way, including G Herbo, VonOff1700, and many more.

Q: What’s your proudest moment so far?
A: My first fashion show was my proudest moment. That’s when I started getting recognized for my work.

MEET REESE

“I NEVER GIVE UP!”



Maurice Bishop | Speechless Fashion
Instagram | @abm_reese35

“I never give up.”

Q: Where are you from?
A: Chicago.

Q: What do you do?
A: I’m an artist, an entertainer, and a producer.

Q: What’s something people might not know about you?
A: I never give up.

Q: What’s your favorite food?
A: Salmon with mashed potatoes.

FOLLOW REESE ON INSTAGRAM | @abm_reese35



COLLABORATION OF THE MONTH:
Turnt Visualz x Dream Queens



“Five Queens, five takes on camo”

Against a bare studio backdrop, Turnt Visualz gives the Dream Queens room to make camouflage their own. One Queen kicks a red stiletto up behind her with a grin. Another takes the print in a punk direction with torn tights, stacked cuffs, and knee-high lace-ups. In the group portrait, three Queens stand while two sit back-to-back, pulling five distinct looks into one composition. The red boots, cropped red hair, and flash of brass give the eye a path through the frame, while each Queen holds her own space.

COLLABORATION OF THE MONTH: Turnt Visualz x Dream Queens



"Her gaze does the talking."

Turnt Visualz moves in close, cropping the frame so a brass toned bandolier becomes a sculptural fringe across the brow. The repeating metal shapes draw your eye from one side of the portrait to the other, but it's the steady gaze between them that holds you there. A hand at the temple, a silver chain, and the shine of a glossy lip bring softer textures into the frame. Across the shoot, the Dream Queens use pose to change how the styling reads. Here, the stillness does the work.

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"Every stitch tells a story, every pose carries purpose."







COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: MOBILITY WITH PURPOSE

“YOUR BODY WORKS HARD. GIVE IT THE RECOVERY IT DESERVES”



Community Spotlight: Mobility With A Purpose

IMeet the Founder

Nia Green is a licensed physical therapist assistant with six years of experience in rehabilitation and wellness. She founded Mobility With Purpose in 2026 after noticing how often people make time to train but overlook mobility and recovery in their everyday routines.

Through her Chicago-based mobile business, Nia offers personalized sessions that include assisted stretching, sports massage, cupping, muscle scraping, and mobility coaching. Her goal is to help people move better, make time for recovery, and build habits that support an active lifestyle.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: MOBILITY WITH PURPOSE





The Impact

At Chicago's Taylor Park, Mobility With Purpose brought assisted stretching and recovery sessions straight to the football sidelines. Nia's mobile setup lets athletes work with her where they already play. She also brings her services to wellness pop-ups, giving more people a chance to try a session.

Through her Recovery Sunday series, Nia shares practical routines like band mobility and foam rolling. It's another way she helps people make room for recovery between workouts and on days away from the field.

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BEHIND THE BRAND: A SIT-DOWN WITH SHAWN MITCH



Q: What new projects or collaborations are you most excited about right now?
A: I'm excited about this new issue of the magazine, and I'm hyped for the next PayToPlay TV series dropping in 2027. Also, the new PayToPlay merch has been getting good recognition.

Q: What advice do you have for young creators and entrepreneurs looking up to you?
A: Never quit. Stay consistent. Every failure comes with a lesson, and every lesson makes you stronger. Don't hang your head when things don't go right, learn from it, grow from it, and apply that wisdom to evolve into your best self. Keep your mindset positive, and eventually, your consistency will open doors you never thought possible.

Q: What's been the biggest accomplishment for PayToPlay ENT since the last issue?
A: Securing the upcoming fashion show in Chicago on December 27th. That's a major move because it marks the fourth year in a row we're bringing PayToPlay back to for our annual awards show. Every year the energy grows, and doing it again just proves the consistency and the impact we're making.

Q: How has PayToPlay ENT continued to impact the community?
A: We just wrapped up the 8th annual Youth Fashion Show on August 1st, which is always the highlight of my summer. It's part of the summer camp I run at WorkStudy Enterprises, and it gives the kids a platform to shine and gain confidence. That same week we also did a community cleanup, because it's important to show the next generation that giving back is just as powerful as chasing success.

Q: What challenges have you faced recently, and how did you push through them?
A: Honestly, just balancing everyday life being a father of 2, navigating the negativity in Chicago, and trying to remain a positive light in the middle of all the violence and distractions. It's not easy, but I push through by staying focused on my purpose and reminding myself why I do this: to inspire people, to give them opportunities, and to show that positivity can thrive even in tough environments.

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PayToPlay Mag is more than a magazine.
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It's proof that when we build together, we shine louder.

From Chicago to Atlanta to Houston... we're just getting started.

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