

Reception and Meet-and-Greet to follow

A native of Hollis, Queens, Stephen A. Smith built his foundation as a journalist over the course of 17 years in New York and Philadelphia. An **HBCU graduate**, Smith began his journalism career as a high school sportswriter. Today he is one of the preeminent voices in the African American community.

Smith's demonstrative, informative, in-your-face style has invaded the airwaves on **NBA Shootaround**, **SportsCenter**, **ESPNews**, and his own talk show, **Quite Frankly**. Smith has become a regular guest on the **MSNBC's Morning Joe**, **The Ed Show**, **Hardball** and **Fox News' Hannity**. He's been a guest on **CNN's Larry King Live** and **Your Money** and has also co-hosted **The View**.

In 2011, Smith returned to ESPN as a radio show host on **1050 ESPN Radio New York (WEPN-AM)** as well as **710 ESPN Radio Los Angeles (KSPN-AM)**. He is a columnist for **ESPN.com**, and along with Skip Bayless, is a featured commentator on **ESPN2's First Take** where he discusses and debates the sports topics of the day.

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