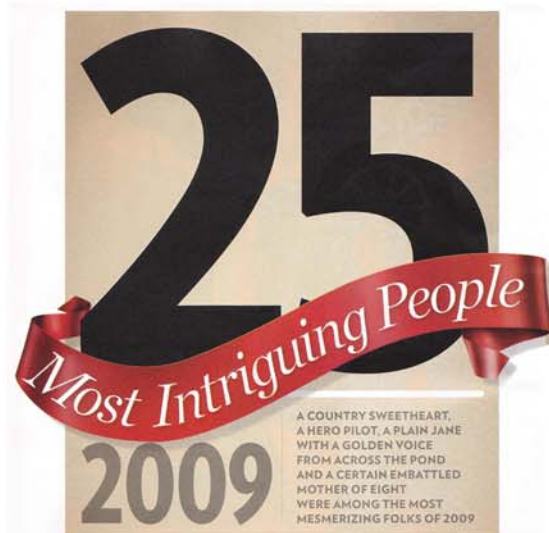


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TYLER PERRY

Five Things About Tyler Perry:

- 1. For TV shows *Meet the Browns* and *House of Payne*,** “I went and got directors who were child actors—Alfonso Ribiero and Kim Fields.”
- 2. Soundstages at his new Atlanta studio are named after Perry’s heroes—**Sidney Poitier, Cicely Tyson, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee.
- 3. *Precious*** (he’s an executive producer) has personal meaning for Perry, who revealed he was abused as a child. “Here it is, my life. A lot of my childhood was played out in front of me.”
- 4. Next up: touring—**via bus and private plane—as Madea. Followed by “spending more time on my island.”
- 5. Highlight of 2009:** “Turning 40. Here’s a kid who didn’t think he’d live to see 30. So turning 40, embracing flaws and all, was a huge accomplishment.”

