Florida International University’s Department of Theatre
Presents

Before It Hits Home
By Cheryl L. West
Directed by Lesley-Ann Timlick

Asst. Director/Vocal Coach
Set Design
Costume Designer
Lighting Designer
Technical Director
Costume Shop Manager
Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Managers
Katie Perry
Craig A. Young
Marilyn Skow
Fletcher McCune
Celso Peruyera
Heather Rae Miller
Licett Benitez
Damion Lloyd Rochester
Aaron Millis

Setting:
Present Day New York City and Chicago

There will be one 15 minute intermission.

As a courtesy to others, please set pagers to silent mode.
Cellular phones and watch alarms should be deactivated.
We thank you for your consideration. Enjoy the show!

Before It Hits Home is produced with special arrangement with
Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Cast
WENDAL........................................ Meshaun Labrone Arnold
SIMONE........................................ Amber Wilson
DOUGLASS...................................... Whiteside
REBA........................................ Stacey Campbell
MAYBELLE...................................... Apphia Campbell
BAILEY........................................ Lewis Dawkins, Jr.
DWAYNE........................................ Emmanuel Gilot
NURSE........................................ Lina Echeverri
DR. WEINBERG............................... Sally Dane
JUNIOR.......................................... Quorion Tanner
ANGEL PETERSON............................ Altovise Laster

Technical Crew
Assistant Set Design............................ Amanda Smith
Props Master................................. Amanda Smith
Floor Crew.................................... Lisa LaGrande, Tony V
Light Board Operator....................... Crystal Edn
Sound Board Operator........................ Cristina Perdomo
Master Electrician............................ Minette Perez
Light Hang..................................... Jason Valdes
Wardrobe Head............................... Kristian Cardenas, Marissa Diaz
Wardrobe Crew............................... Vlad Berrios, Lina Echeverri, Jose Paredas
House Management......................... Jessica Mendez, Maritxell Carrero
Stephen Consuegra, Mario Javier Gonzalez, Melissa Almager
Casper, Stephen Consuegra, Nicolas del Corral, Jose Urbino
Business Manager........................... Abel Cornejo
Marketing..................................... Lauren Hardie, Tony V
Special Thanks.............................. Scenic and Costume Labs
From the Director

"Before I Hits Home" could on the surface seem like a late 80’s AIDS play. However, to me it resonates more as one man’s journey into self-acceptance. It also forces the audience to look at the consequences of conditional love.

-Lesley-Ann Timlick

About the Author

Cheryl West was born in Chicago in 1965 and holds a degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. She worked as a social worker and taught before turning full-time to playwrighting. Proof of her success includes a National Endowment for the Arts Playwrighting Award for 1995-96. Also making a successful foray into film, her play "Before It Hits Home" has been optioned by Spike Lee; and she has been asked to pen a film adaptation for Home Box Office and write an original screenplay for Paramount Studios. A film version of "Holiday Heart" premiered on Showtime in 2000 starring Ving Rhames and Alfre Woodard.

Plays


"Jar the Floor" - 1991
First production in 1991 at Empty Space Theatre in Seattle.
New York Premiere of Jar the Floor at the Second Stage Theatre

"Puddin’ n Pete" - 1993
Produced at the Goodman Theatre, Chicago, in 1993.

"Holiday Heart" - 1994

"Play On!" - 1997
Playing at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C.