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BEFORE IT HITS HOME

AN FIU THEATRE PRODUCTION

WRITTEN BY CHERYL WEST • DIRECTED BY LESLEY ANN TIMLICK

Studio Theatre
Wertheim Performing Arts Center
Miami, Florida
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 ............................................ Apphia Campbell

MAYBELLE ...................................... Stacey Anderson

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 playwriting. 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