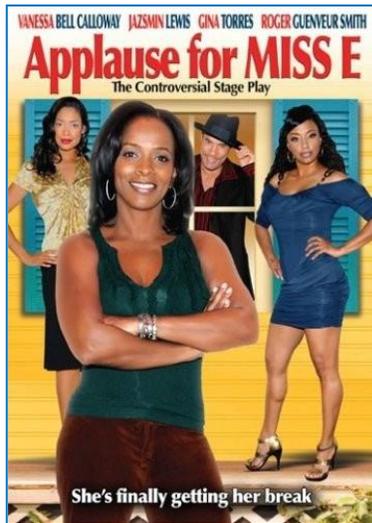




DAVEHOUSE PRODUCTIONS

Synopsis

APPLAUSE for Miss E. is the funny yet gripping story of ELESTRA HENTON a.k.a. MISS E. A woman past her prime trying to reclaim the life she once knew as a stand-up comedian-a life that can also be blamed for the destruction of her family. Feeling abandoned by her husband, then her daughter and most recently, her dog, Elestra turns back to her dreams of being a stand-up comic. In pursuing her youthful dream, she digs up memories and people that were shelved many years ago. And that's when, "All hell breaks loose."



In her youth, Miss E's "pretty mouth saying all that dirty stuff", was what got her noticed by the street wise public and critics alike. But when she did not show up to a popular gig hosted at the infamous New Orleans House of Blues, a gig that would have guaranteed her nationwide fame, her life changed for the worse. Now with the return of her old business manager, BUDDY FELTON, that same opportunity is calling. Things are only made more complicated when her daughter hoping to patch things up with her mother returns only to find her mother doing the very thing that tore up their family in the first place. And all of a sudden Elestra and everyone around her are submerged in a new web of lies and secrets.

Using humor as the locomotive to drive this powerful piece, APPLAUSE For Miss E. has it all; some laughing and some crying, some praising and some cussing, some happiness and some pain. The characters in this hilarious tale of deception, secrets and lies are bursting off the page with life as they find out what effect these secrets can have on a family and a community. And it's mixed all together to make one big gumbo pot of fun.

- Read at St. Lukes Theatre NYC starring Suzzanne Douglas, Count Stovall, Demetrius Grosse, and Perri Gaffney
- Released on DVD starring Vanessa Bell Calloway, Roger Guenevere Smith, Gina Torres, Vernee' Watson, and Jazmin Lewis
- Read at national black Theatre Festival's Reader's Series
- Nominated for Author of an original Play and Best Ensemble Cast – Artistic Director Achievement Awards (A.D.A. Awards)
- Winner of The NAACP Theatre Award for Best Supporting Male – Henry Williams III
- Winner of The NAACP Theatre Award for Best Sound Design – Forrest Gardner
- Nominated for Best Light Design – The NAACP Theatre Awards