

“Hot Flashes”

Act I-I – Scene One This scene opens at the “Lil’ Money Café”, what starts off as a simple get together over lunch, turns into a lesson in real life family values, especially when seniors are forced to acknowledge that even when they least deserved it “**So Many Times**”, the Lord has been good to them, and if you think about, to you also...

Act II– Scene Two This scene opens in the living room of the home of “Big Mama” there are many lessons to be learned as a young lady who is currently involved in an abusive relationship, discovers that if nothing is done, some problems are passed from generation to generation, but with the advice of wise advice regardless as to where you’ve been you can get back to the good old days of “**Yea and Nay**”. You will also discover why “Hot Flashes” are not just for older folks, or just for women.

INTERMISSION -

During the 15 minute intermission, SPAA is Sponsoring The Girl Scout Troop 60613 of Greater Chicago & Northwest Indiana, Please support them, as they attempt to raise money for a trip to the White House

Act III- Scene Three This scene opens back at the café, where young Tammy is invited out with the elder women to exercise her new freedom and trouble invites itself to the get together, only to discover that there is strength in unity and that during some of life’s most challenging times, sometimes you come to the realization that you must “**WOBBLE**” your way to better times.

Final Act – Scene Four The first half of this scene opens back at Big Mama’s house, where the lessons learned have given all involved a new perspective on life, and she shares the fact that not only must you love yourself, but regardless as to what you’ve gone through you’ve got to “**Work That**”, whatever it is you have to work with.

Finally, the rest of the seniors show up to show their support and they realize that they all have more in common than they previously knew, together they discover that they spent too much time searching for unconditional love from among men, when they discover why “**Can’t Nobody**”, love you like Jesus, even during your very own personal summers and “**Hot Flashes**”.

Dr. Michael V. Wilkins, Sr. .

Pastor, Author, Professional Speaker, Entrepreneur, Playwright, Radio

Just like many of you, I have had to (and continue to) overcome a number of challenges in my life, (from past personal and professional obstacles to my current struggles with Lupus, and as I continue to grow and walk according to my gifts and passion, I have discovered that I have still been blessed. I simply want to share with you that despite the economy, despite your current educational level, financial situation, where you were born or the color of your skin, the only one that can prevent you from accomplishing your true destiny and ultimate goal is You. I have a personal motto - “Don’t Tell Me What Someone Else Said (Negative) About Me, Tell Me Why They Felt So Comfortable Telling It To You.” I speak from experience when I share with you that no matter how tarnished your past may be, your future is spotless. I am so grateful that I have friends & loved ones around me that ask me “When will you do it” instead of “I don’t think you can, do it”. So for all those things that you have been told; “you are too old”, or “too poor”, “too black”, “too dumb” (or whatever lie the enemy has whispered into your ear) to accomplish, I invite you to do them anyway, and I know a wonderful group of people at SPAA (The Speakers Publishers & Authors Association, www.thespaa.org) who are willing to assist you in doing what others say can’t be done. Finally, please tune into SPAA Radio at www.thespaa.org, and SPAA TV on Comcast Channel 19 every Monday at 4pm. A special thanks to My Wife For Life, Delcine Wilkins, To Governors State University, Vanessa Newby & The Student Life Center, My SPAA Family, My CBC Family and all of YOU, for your support and prayers. Be Blessed!



THANKS TO THE CBC BAND



- Keyboards – Albert Caldwell
- Drums – Matthew Maulder
- Bass guitar – Tom Ogunribido
- Lead Guitar – Cornelius Brown

THE BACKGROUND SINGERS:

Jacqueline Grover, Carla Hawkins, Ms. D. Webb,
Sam D & Tammy Montgomery

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Deirdre "Dee" Webb
"Big Mama"



Deirdre is excited to be back on stage again, she is currently a graduation counselor at Governors State University, and works a great deal in backstage activities. She is currently the Director of Children's Ministries at the Fellowship of Love Christian Center in Hammond, IN, (Apostle Derrick M. White), where she also sings in the choir. She has performed in a number of performances with her church, GSU and CBC Productions.

Minister Samantius "Sam D" Steele
"Timmy"



Min. Sam was born May 14, 1986 in Olympia Fields, IL to Mr. Samuel D. Steele and Pastor Donna L. Steele- Hughes. She began serving the Lord at a very early age. At the tender age of 3, Min Sam sang her first solo entitled "He's got the whole world in His hands". It was at this time her parents knew that she had been called and anointed by God for a mighty work. Sami D as she is known to stage audiences began to act as well as sing in the J. Gentry Horace Choir of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor A. William Staten Sr. From this humble beginning, the Lord has opened any many doors for Sami D to minister and sing under the anointing. She has been in numerous productions including an African American history production entitled "My name is Harriet where she held the leading role as Harriet. She has sung with many gospel groups and artists some of which include Israel Houghton and Myron Butler. Sami D loves the Lord and her craft and endeavors to grow in both!

Uinda R. Hill
"Mrs. Washington"



A native of St. Louis and has been singing since she was on her father's knee. She is married with two children; in September 2005 she relocated to Chicago, with her job, Ford motor Company, and joined Calvary Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. A. William Staten, she's been in numerous plays at Calvary. Just doing God's work is truly a blessing. He is Worthy! A special Thanks to Dr. Michael Wilkins "Pastor Mike" and Evangelist Delcine Wilkins who have made me a part of their family, a true example of godly love!

Woodrow Grover
"Aaron"



A native of Gary, Indiana who loves to act! I have been in a number of productions to include: The Whiz, In Da Beginning, Child Support,(and others) and this is my fifth CBC/SPAA Production, I was in "The Gospel According to Scrooge", "Tired of Being Alone" "Hot Flashes!", "The Gospel According to Mrs. Scrooge!" and now "Choices & Consequences Woodrow is also a professional DJ. I am grateful to Dr. Wilkins, "Pastor Mike" for his wisdom, inspiration and direction. I pray that this production achieves its ultimate goal which is to be a blessing to all of you.

COMING SOON:

3M Productions In Association With CBC Productions & SPAA Is currently working on two new films:

HOLMES COUNTY:

THE STORY OF HARTMAN TURNBOW

This is the graphic story of a civil rights leader, who never led from behind. See for yourself the untold truth about the first black man to register to vote in the state of Mississippi, a man that changed the minds and hearts of a Mississippi town by one philosophy "If they meet you with a smile, meet them with a smile, but if they meet you with a gun, meet them with a bigger gun". Coming Summer of 2015



**"SPEAK 4 YOURSELF:
SECRETS, LIES & BULLYING"**



This film is a not so serious look at the serious topic of Bullying. This is a detailed account of the affects of bullying from the many perspectives including: the bully, the victim, the bystanders & the parents or loved ones. Coming The Summer of 2014

Toleda Hart, CEO MYSI
Executive Producer



On behalf of MYSI Board, Staff and the CEO we extend our congratulations to SPPA on it's spectacular production 'Hot Flashes'. Since 1965 MYSI, formerly known as Methodist Youth Services, Inc. Is proud to continue to help those at risk to achieve greater potential by empowering youth, families and seniors to achieve economic self sufficiency. Please visit our website at www.myschicago.org. The Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Troop#60613 is proud to partner with SPAA/CBC Productions. Congratulations SPAA on another empowering production, which encourages girls and women of all ages to be Courageous and Strong. Troop #60613 builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, which makes the world a better place. We strive to be the future premier leaders by living and acting out the Girl Scouts Promise and Law everyday in their growth and development. Toleda Hart- Chief Executive Officer

Ronald Garner, PP
Producer



A native Chicagoan, and currently resides on the south side of Chicago with his loving wife of 45 years, Julia.

Ron is a complex person who possesses many professional accomplishments including; National VP of SPAA, entrepreneur, licensed architect and former First Deputy Commissioner for the City of Chicago – Dept. of Buildings. He is past president of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) and; a member of the National Organization of Minority Architects Council (NOMAC).

Further, Ron has a distinguished military record including Retired Major of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with 30 yrs. Of Service and; Viet Nam veteran who has proudly served his country. Last and not least, Ron Garner is a servant of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Carla LeVeaux-Hawkins
"Ms. Dee"



Carla was born in Chicago, but grew up in Deerfield, Illinois. She is the eldest of three girls. She wants to give special thanks to her mother, Thelma Le-Veaux, for her unwavering love and support. Carla is a member of Christian Valley M.B. Church in Ford Heights, and resides in Park Forest with her husband, Leonard and children. She wants to thank her family for their love and support while their mother was pursuing her dreams. To "Pastor Mike" thanks you for giving me so many opportunities to be a part of this and other great CBC Productions, I have had many experiences with your productions that will hold special memories for me.

Alberta B. Fortson
"Ms. Johnson"



I am retired and now reside in Miami Gardens, FL. I am a member of 93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church where there is always a Word at 93rd. The mother of three sons: Paul, Bennett & Albert; five grandchildren: Kendall, Devin, DeVonte' Jasmine and Zoe. My best friend, teacher and love of my life, my mom (92) departed this life in November 2013. A special thanks to Lincoln for your support and encouragement. Many thanks to all my supporters of Gary, IN, Chicago, Chicago Heights and surrounding areas. Again many thanks Pastor Mike for allowing me to express myself in "Hot Flashes". Thanks for having enough confidence in me that you allowed me to come back and be a part of this 2014 stage performance. To God be the glory!

Rose Green
"Rose"



Rose is a "Phenomenal Woman" she loves poems, music, the arts and she loves God's work. Rose is a member of Calvary M.B. Church, and serves as a missionary. I would also like to thank "Pastor Mike" for this wonderful opportunity to "Wobble" for the Lord.