



T'Keyah Crystal Keymah, Inc. Presents

Don't Get Me Started!

A Solo Show Starring T'Keyah Crystal Keymah

Available Fall 2018



The following is information about the multi-talented, award winning performer / writer / director / producer, **T'Keyah Crystal Keymah** and her newest stage show, *Don't Get Me Started!* Best known for her television work on *In Living Color*, *Cosby* and *That's So Raven*, the actress makes it clear to theater patrons that her first love is the stage. It is not surprising then, that *Some of My Best Friends*, her first critically acclaimed one-woman show, enjoyed successful performances for diverse audiences across the country and won **NAACP Theatre Awards** for **Best Actress** and **Best Play**, nor why her popular two-person show *Live! ...Mostly: A True Variety Show* got rave reviews from National Black Theatre Festival participants like Robert Hooks, Dick Anthony Williams, and Andre de Shields, and drew co-stars such as Karen Malina White, Dawnn Lewis, Ralph Harris, T.C. Carson and Todd Bridges to join her onstage.

David Mills, while a staff writer for the Washington Post, called T'Keyah Crystal Keymah's work "Comedy with a Conscience." A social activist for many years, T'Keyah says about *Don't Get Me Started*, "My friends were tired of hearing me rant and rave about social-political issues, so I decided to take my two cents to the stage." That's exactly what Keymah does in this engaging and thought provoking, one-woman show. In her signature style, T'Keyah brings her messages to the stage through the voices of a host of lovable characters old and new. "Scary things are happening all over the world," the actress says. "Sometimes you have to laugh to keep from crying. I help people along with that." The show introduces audiences to a group of underpaid, overworked teachers who explore topics like school violence, the industrial prison complex, governmental conspiracies, media invasion, the occupy movement and more. The story lines of new characters like (Paranoid) Patty Paulsen are intertwined with those of characters from Keymah's earlier shows like LaKeisha (*Some of My Best Friends*) and Peanut (*T'Keyah Live*). This production also includes more of the performer's musical talents with satirical numbers like an Eartha Kitt / healthcare crisis inspired, "Obama Baby," and the Nina Simone / Chicago (youth) crime rate inspired, "Land of Lincoln, Doggone!" "She'll charm you, inspire you, and hit you over the head, and you'll love her for it," says Curtis King, Artistic Director of The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL) in Dallas, Texas.

Don't Get Me Started! debuted at TBAAL in November of 2011 as part of their DRESS PERFORMANCE THEATRE SERIES. Audiences raved about the show and its versatile performer and, along with recent civic events, inspired Keymah to revamp the show for a 2018 tour.

Contact us when you are interested in having **T'Keyah Crystal Keymah** come to your venue to give a commanding lecture, workshop, or a powerful and entertaining performance of *Don't Get Me Started!*, email us at booktkeyah@tkeyah.com, or leave a message at (818) 745-5614. We look forward to working with you soon. Also ask about other TCKI shows including the award winning "Some of My Best Friends," and the two-person shows "T'Keyah Live!...Mostly: a True Variety Show" (Available Summer 2018), and Sellout!?! (Available 2019, Workshop 2018)