

**T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh, Inc. Presents**  
***SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS: A COLLECTION OF CHARACTERS***  
**A One Woman Show starring T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh**

Available Fall 2018



T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh began performing at the tender age of three, singing in a loud voice during a moment of silence in church. She was performing in variety shows by the age of eight. She has since performed with four dance companies, two singing groups, a mime troupe, a comedy team, an improv group, and a touring theatrical company. With numerous television, film and stage credits throughout the US and abroad, Keymáh is best known for the memorable characters she created on *In Living Color*, as Bill Cosby's daughter Erica on *Cosby* and Raven's mom Tonya Baxter on *That's So Raven*. She has won numerous honors and awards including an NAACP Theater Award for Best Actress and Best Play (and a nomination for Best Playwright) for the Los Angeles run of *Some of My Best Friends*, and an AUDELCO Award nomination for Best Solo Performance, for its run in New York. Although *Some of My Best Friends* deals with serious themes, Keymáh, like her TV dad and daughter, is known and loved for her family oriented entertainment. Her other honors include: The HistoryMakers®, The Chicago African American History Makers® and Who's Who Among Black Americans.

***Some of My Best Friends: A Collection of Characters***, is a series of riveting monologues in verse and prose embodied by a dozen diverse characters that include: **Shauntifa**, the uninhibited teen, who finds an escape from the traffic of her family in the arms of her boyfriend; **Son**, a young warrior who escapes the war at home to take his chances in the war abroad; **Lillian Black-White**, the lonely Corporate Superwoman whose success may have cost her a bit of herself; **Michelle**, the aspiring actress who comes to terms with the harsh realities of "the business"; **Eartha**, the semi-radical poet who tends to see things in black and white; **Cryssy**, an optimistic little girl who equates her poverty with her Blackness and envisions color-corrected, nourishing possibilities, 'In Black World...' The show is performed by the eclectically talented **T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh** (*In Living Color / Cosby / That's So Raven*).

In this sometimes humorous, sometimes tear jerking, always thought-provoking theatrical production, Keymáh champions societal issues that are as relevant today as they were when the show debuted to sold out crowds at Chicago's South Shore Cultural Center in more than twenty years ago. Overcoming obstacles, the devastation of AIDS, the search for love, race relations, and teen promiscuity are just some of the topics explored within the ninety-minute performance. The show was chiefly penned by Keymáh but includes pieces written by or in collaboration with Ali LeRoi (*Everybody Hates Chris*), Harry Lennix (*24, The Matrix*), and poet Angela Jackson (*And All These Roads Be Luminous: Poems Selected and New*); a dance choreographed by Maurice Hines and a song composed by Orbert Davis.

"Keymáh is a Charismatic Actress... Chameleonic and Effervescent" - Los Angeles Times; "...Beyond Superlatives; She's Phenomenal!" - Earl Calloway, Chicago Defender; "Much More Than Comedy"- Lisa M. Pancia, New York Vignette; "...a Delightful, Multitalented Performer whose ability to create believable characters on stage is a Wonder to Behold"- Nat Colley, Los Angeles Reader; "Keymáh is Magnificent" - Linda Armstrong, Amsterdam News; "...Keymáh's Poignant, Detailed Portrayals are Never Less Than Magnificent"- Randy Trabit, Los Angeles Weekly. Contact us when you are interested in having **T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh** come to your venue to give a commanding lecture, workshop, or a powerful and entertaining performance of "Some of My Best Friends," email us at [booktkeyah@tkeyah.com](mailto: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 ***Don't Get Me Started!***, "T'Keyah Live!...Mostly: a True Variety Show" (Available Summer 2018), and **Sellout!?!** (Available 2019).