

# HILDA WILLIS

*Producer~Director~Performing Artist*

## *Professional Mission*

To use the cathartic force of art to define living, accept change and empower

### *Director*

THINGS THAT HURT Synchronicity Theatre	17
FAITH JOURNEY: UNTOLD STORIES OF FAITH, COURAGE & POWER Montcastle Theatre (Winston Salem, NC)	17
YELLOW MAN (READING) Project One Voice (NC Black Rep)	17
THE COLORED MUSEUM (READING) Project One Voice (NC Black Rep)	16
BAPTISM BY FIRE The Story Of The Azusa Street Revival Of 1906 The Balzer Theatre At Herrens (Theatrical Outfit)	15
AUGUST WILSON NATIONAL MONOLOGUE COMPETITION MONTAGE PERFORMANCES August Wilson Theatre	10-15
BLACK BLUE & INVISIBLE MAN The Sunset Theatre	14
INDIA ARIE: SONGVERSATION INTERNATIONAL TOUR (Singapore, Australia, New Zealand Europe)	14
SPUNK KENNY LEON TRUE COLORS THEATRE COMPANY 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse	13
INDIA ARIE: COCOA BUTTER VIDEO Video Consultant/Acting Coach	12
BREATHE: THE NICOLE KELLY STORY NYU Hospital (Reading) National Black Theatre (Reading)	11
AFENI SHAKUR: IN HER DEFENSE Tupac Amaru Shakur Center	11

INDIA ARIE: OPEN DOOR LIVE LISTENING PERFORMANCE 7 Stages, Atlanta Ebony Repertory Theatre, Los Angeles The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, Tel Aviv, Israel	10-11
BLACK NATIVITY The Barn Dinner Theatre Greensboro, NC	10
I DIDN'T CRY (Los Angeles/Atlanta)	09-10
STANDING THE TEST OF TIME NBTF (Reading)	09
INDIA ARIE: VOL 2: LOVE & POLITICS National Tour	09
THE WAY OUT Promenade Playhouse, Santa Monica, CA	09
A BLACK GIRL'S SONG Featuring India.Arie	08
THE PEOPLE OF CLARENDON COUNTY CELEBRITY READING Producing Director for New York/Chicago/Atlanta (NBAF)	08
OTHELLO Clark Atlanta University	07
INDIA ARIE: VOL 1: TESTIMONY TOUR National Tour	06
SHAKIN THE MESS OUT OF MISERY Paul Roberson Theatre (NC)	06
PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION Gala – Opening Performance (DC)	05
WHO WILL SING FOR LENA Push Push Theatre	05
FROM WHORES TO MARIACH 14 <sup>TH</sup> Street Playhouse / NBAF	04
STANDING THE TEST OF TIME NBAF New Works Series	02-03
AS LONG AS LIFE LASTS The Beam Theatre	01
I DIDN'T CRY 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse	00
LIVING YOUR ART SHOWCASE National Black Theatre	99

N'ZINGA'S CHILDREN National Black Theatre	98
PRESIDENT'S SUMMIT Televised Performance CityKids Foundation	98
NICKELODEON/BIG HELP Washington DC/Congress CityKids Foundation	98
ON THE EDGE (Musical) Vineyard, Mint, Trilogy, Aaron Davis Hall National Black Theatre, CSC Theatre's	96-98
KAYLA'S STORY Boys & Girls Club National Convention/Denver	97
U.S.T.A. (ARTHUR ASHE STADIUM) Televised Opening CityKids Foundation	97
THE BLUES AND LANGSTON HUGHES NYC School Tour	96
ALWAYS MILES AHEAD (Musical) Mind Builders Creative Arts Center	95
NO LAUGHING MATTER (Musical) Apollo Theatre	95
WISH (Musical) Bronx Community College	94
SHOWCASE PRESENTATIONS Billy Holiday Theatre, Theatre for the New City, Musical Theatre Works	94
CUT FROM THE SAME CLOTH Musical Theatre Works, Uptown Comedy Club (FOX)	94
AFRICA'S CHILDREN Black Spectrum/Red Carpet Theatre	92-93
HEAVEN SENT National Black Theatre	92
SING ON MS. GRIOT National Black Theatre	90
IMAGES IN SAINT MARTIN St. Martin (Dinner Theatre)	86

## Producer

A WOMAN'S WORK: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION Fulton County Southwest Arts Center	14
MAD AT MILES: A BLACK WOMAN'S GUIDE TO TRUTH 7 Stages	11
LIVING YOUR ART READING SERIES New Works	08-11
A BLACK GIRL'S SONG	08
PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION GALA – OPENING PERFORMANCE	05
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LIVING YOUR ART SHOWCASE The Beam, 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse	01
CUT FROM THE SAME CLOTH Musical Theatre Works, Uptown Comedy Club (FOX)	94
READING SERIES National Black Theatre	93
JAZZ CONCERTS Indigo Blues, La Famille, Sweet Waters, The Apollo Sound Stage	

## *Performing Artist (selected highlights)*

As an actress, singer, dancer, Hilda's experiences have been diverse. Her acting ability ranges from playing such roles, as Lady Capulet in Romeo and Juliet, Nell Carter's role in Ain't Misbehavin to Woman (#1) in Mad At Miles: A Black Woman's Guide to Truth (Pearl Cleage) to Dr. Charlotte in Falsettos. She has been the guest vocal artists with such groups as the Vibe Tribe (w/Allen Payne and Jamal Joseph), The Forces of Nature Dance Company and The Prince Bernard Trio (Saint Marteen).

### List of Appearances:

Aaron Davis Hall  
American Theatre for Actors  
Apollo  
B. Smith's  
Baby Grand  
Billie Holiday Theatre  
Cotton Club  
Gateway Theatre (Mask Center)  
Indigo Blues  
La Famille  
La Mama's  
Lime Kiln Theatre  
Mill Mountain Theatre  
National Black Theatre  
Push Push  
7 Stages  
14<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse  
Sweet Waters  
Uptown Comedy Club (FOX)

## ***REFERENCES***

Sonya White  
Ossie Davis Endowment

Shirley Faison  
Carson Adler Agency

Jamal Joseph  
Screen/Play Writer

Voza Rivers  
Producer

India.Arie  
Singer/Songwriter

Kenny Leon  
Director

Daniel Wise  
Producer/Director/  
Playwright

Rabbi Harwitz  
The Weber  
School