

DL PRODUCTIONS

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DL PRODUCTIONS GETS OFF TO A GOOD START IN 1991!



ROLE MODEL: L to R: Ann Thompson-Scretching and Darryl Lacy discuss Malcolm X at JSP Benefit.

On January 29, 1991, DL Productions held a Cultural Press Party at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building in Harlem, N.Y.

This event, which was free and open to the public, was hosted by Darryl Lacy. Darryl, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., established DL Productions in New York City in 1987 and has directed and produced 5 plays so far.

The program included excerpts from each play performed by the original cast members including Darryl's 1984 directorial debut, "To Be Young Gifted And Black", starring Rachel Ferguson and Darren Frazier.

Rachel Ferguson, who has been associated with every DL Production from the start, had the honor of introducing the Master of Ceremonies.

Miki Biggins performed in two excerpts. The first one from "Sisters" with Lena Synette Callièr. This play was written by Sylvia Kinard, who introduced the scene. Later in the program Mikki performed in excerpt from "Nikki G: A Portrait of Nikki Giovanni In Her Own Words" with Estelle Johnson.

Estelle Johnson introduced "The Church Fight", a comedy play that was videotaped for cable television. The video was presented on a large movie screen by Gregory Javan Mills, chairman of IAMAA and manager of the Black Film Festival.

Darren Frazier, Ava Moses and Yael Daniel M.R. rendered musical selections. Yael, a 7 year old pianist, played an opening number with her brother Azariah M.R., 5, and then he performed on his own. Rodney Adams accompanied Darren and Ava on piano for their songs.

Darryl acknowledged the cast of "Day of Absence", his upcoming play at the time, as well as actors from past productions who did not perform during the program such as Albert Michael Goudy.

Refreshments were served by DL caterers Loretta Alston and Allison Kimble after the program. Darryl gives special thanks to them for helping him once again and sticking by him for everything they went through the night before.

Darryl also thanks Shirley

Christopher for pitching in at the last minute with everything.. And Philip Jones, proprietor of the Carolina Flower Shop, for the special discount. The white carnations were a nice touch of elegance.

This affair also served as a benefit for DL PRODUCTIONS to continue to produce quality plays and present solid performances. The following is a list of some of the people who have made financial contributions toward Darryl's creative vision:

Leola M. Ancrum
Linda Crews
Ingrid Flagg
Sylvia Frederick
Delores Gatlin
Virginia M. Green
Marilyn Knight
Sandra Koger
Rose Lee Long
Emanuel Mack
Isabel Matthews
Barbara J. McCullough
OES Begin #2 - St. Nicholas IMC (Staff)
Ann Thompson-Scretching
Michelle Webb
Debbie Williams

Darryl thanks the people listed above as well all the others who attended the press party and/or made contributions. ■