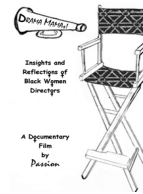


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DRAMA MAMAS! Now in Production in New York City
New Documentary Explores the World of Black Female Theater Directors

(New York) - For the first time, Black Women Theater Directors step from behind the curtain and into the spotlight!

Drama Mamas! ®, the feature-length documentary film by Rhonda Passion Hansome, has started production on a groundbreaking legacy project for the new millennium! The film's website is now launched, www.dramamamasthefilm.org, which chronicles the film's development.

Drama Mamas! the inspiration of director Rhonda Passion Hansome, spotlights the world of black female theater directors. Through a series of intimate interviews with and about these extraordinary women, the film traces their triumphs, struggles and expressions of universal truths through their art. Drama Mamas! celebrates the formerly elusive face of the black female director, her work and her inner-life.

The documentary, currently shooting in the theaters and streets of New York, captures these artists in process as they move behind the scenes from stages to band-shells and boardrooms.

"These women are smart, powerful, exciting, glamorous, and have an excitingly unorthodox existence." said Ademola Olugebefola, Drama Mamas! Executive Producer. "This film gives a glimpse into the indomitable spirit and drive of a colorful cast of characters: directors, actors, producers and spectators, that are a vital part of the American creative world."

Drama Mamas! features a list of legends that include Glenda Dickerson, Barbara Ann Teer, Vy Higginsen, Gertrude Jeannette and the late Vinette Carroll. These women are fearless directors of extraordinary craftsmanship. They, along with star-directors like Billie Allen, Shauneille Perry, Seret Scott and Jaye Austin Williams have directed landmark works in a range of categories by renowned playwrights, yet have been overlooked by popular culture until now. Drama Mamas! brings together the unique experiences and perspectives of these women in a poignant, gritty and entertaining film.

Michael Bearden, internationally acclaimed musician and arranger, will compose original music for the documentary that reflects and counter-points the power, mystique and rhythm of these Drama Mamas! and the world in which they reign.

The Director and Producers will be on the airwaves in June. Check listings on WBAI at 99.1 and WHCR - 90.3 FM. For more information visit <http://www.dramamamasthefilm.org>, or call 212 501 2230.

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