HOLLYWOOD FRINGE

THE ACTORS COMPANY

"Let Live Theatre"
916 N Formosa Ave
LA, CA 90046

Sun 6/9 — 4pm (Preview) • Thur 6/13 — 10pm (PWYC)
Sat 6/22 — 2pm • Sun 6/23 — 7pm • Mon 6/24 — 8:30pm • Sat 6/29 — 7pm

Catch the Buzz: "tHis Is Very IMPORTANT" is Set to Electrify Hollywood Fringe 2024.

"**tHis Is Very IMPORTANT**" is a thought-provoking and emotionally charged one-woman show that delves deep into the lives of four main characters: Eena, Mary, Samantha, and Val. Each character's story is a powerful exploration of the complexities surrounding HIV and its impact on individuals from diverse backgrounds.

About the main characters...

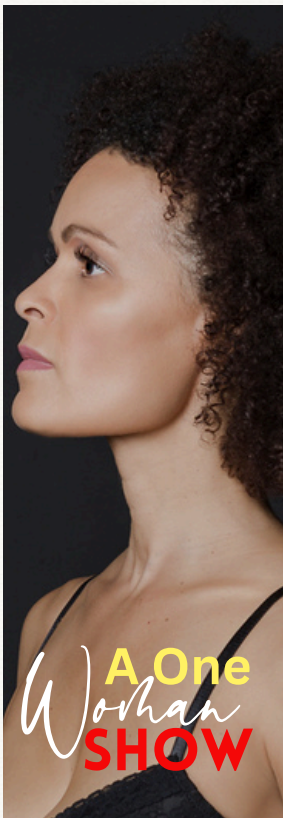
Eena, the wise and compassionate narrator, guides the audience through the intimate stories of these women, creating a safe space for them to share their experiences and journeys. She encourages the audience to approach these stories with empathy and understanding, emphasizing the importance of doing better when we know better and always striving to vibrate at a higher frequency.

Mary's story is a poignant portrayal of the challenges faced by a devout Christian and dedicated ER nurse who, despite saving herself for marriage, finds herself grappling with an HIV diagnosis. Her journey highlights the importance of support systems, particularly within religious communities, and the struggle to maintain one's faith and professional identity in the face of adversity.

Samantha's narrative is a heart-wrenching exploration of the connection between childhood trauma, emotional neglect, and the desperate search for love and acceptance. Born with a birth defect and raised in a tumultuous household, Samantha's story sheds light on how the absence of love and support can lead individuals down a path of bad choices and looking for love in all the wrong places... and people.

Val's story is a shocking revelation that challenges the audience's perceptions of HIV and the stereotypes surrounding those affected by the virus. As a successful social media influencer with a seemingly perfect life, Val's recent diagnosis serves as a stark reminder that HIV does not discriminate and can impact anyone, regardless of their social status or public image.

Directed by: Jessica Lynn Johnson
Assoc Producer : Masha Dowell



About the show...

Throughout the show, a multitude of supporting characters add depth and nuance to the main narratives, highlighting the far-reaching impact of HIV on families, friends, and communities. The show expertly weaves together moments of humor, heartbreak, and triumph, creating a roller coaster of emotions that leaves the audience entertained, deeply moved, and wanting more!

"tHis Is Very IMPORTANT" is a masterful blend of education and entertainment, designed to spark meaningful conversations about a topic often shrouded in stigma and misinformation. The show encourages its audience to confront their own biases and preconceptions about life, the treatment of others, love, and HIV, fostering a greater sense of empathy and understanding for those affected by the virus.

This powerful one-woman show is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the transformative power of storytelling. It is a must-see for anyone who seeks to be enlightened, educated, and deeply moved by the experiences of others. **"tHis Is Very IMPORTANT"** is a show that will stay with you long after the curtain falls, inspiring you to approach life with greater compassion, understanding, and a commitment to always striving for personal growth and positive change.

About the actor...

Rahvaunia L. Johnson, known professionally as Rahvaunia, is a soul-driven artist whose journey has taken her from the humble beginnings of Flint, Michigan, to the sun-kissed shores of Southern California. With a name that resonates with uniqueness (pronounced "Rahvaunia Like Lasagna"), Rahvaunia's creative spirit flows through her work as a writer, producer, and actor. This multi-talented powerhouse has proven that "art is a voice and we should always have more than one voice." Rahvaunia has appeared in television series such as NCIS, Criminal Minds, Mistresses, and Mere Mortals premiering soon on Apple+/AppleTV. She turned a one-day co-star role into a two-season 12-episode recurring role on Shondaland's "For the People", serving as a testament to her ability to connect profoundly with her co-stars, producers, and writers.

Currently, Rahvaunia is channeling her spiritual energy into the development of a transformative television series, while also conjuring up a bone-chilling horror film that will have Hollywood's elite sleeping with the lights on… and their phones off. Exemplifying her versatility and dedication to her craft and a proven track record of a commitment to excellence, Rahvaunia's star is on a meteoric rise. Further solidifying her status as an artist who fearlessly explores the intersection of creativity and spirituality. Rahvaunia continues to work to establish herself as a prominent figure in the competitive world of entertainment.

Rahvaunia has performed **"tHis Is Very IMPORTANT"** in South Africa, Off-Broadway, and around the Los Angeles Area. She is EXCITED to be performing in the 2024 Hollywood Fringe Fest.

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