

At Last: Celebrating the Lives of Black Women:

Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday, Etta James, Mahalia Jackson, Zora Neale Hurston, Nina Simone, Queen Latifah, June Jordan, Phyllis Hyman, Josephine Baker, Michelle Obama

Conceived by: Dr. Elaine Richardson

Written by: Dr. Mary Weems

Production History:

Directed by: Tony Sias, MFA

(Excerpt: 4 women Nina Simone, Phyllis Hyman, Zora Neale Hurston, Etta James)

Actors: Dr. Elaine Richardson & Dr. Mary Weems

9-18-09 (Cleveland Museum of Art) Performance

9-25&26 2009 (Ingenuity Festival, Jim Levin) Performance

10-11-09 (The Ohio State University) Performance

Directed by: Ashley Aquilla

Actor: Ebani Edwards, (All 11 women)

11-8-16 (Dobama Theater) Staged Reading

Directed by: Ashley Aquilla

Actors: Christina Johnson as Mahalia Jackson, Queen Latifah, Etta James, Bessie Smith), Sherrie Tolliver as June Jordan, Josephine Baker, Zora Neale Hurston, Sha'ton La'Tique as Billie Holiday, Nina Simone and Michelle Obama, ALL as Phyllis Hyman, and Corin B. Self as Bartender, India Pierre-Ingram as Barmaid, Girl

2-22-19 to 3-3-19, Full Production, (Bringing Words to Life @ The Ensemble Theater