

Nevaina Rhodes

Nevaina (pronounced Nih-von-yah) has always been as unique and creative as her name. Her copper skin glows like a sun-kissed penny under the theater lights and she is by no means a stranger to the stage. Her affinity for "**For Colored Girls...**" began in college when she saw it for the first time. The journey has come full circle and Nevaina is elated to be making her Ikam debut with this production directed by



Jasmine Guy. Nevaina has also toured with **Tyler Perry's** stage play **I Know I've Been Changed**, and just recently joined the cast of **Amen Corner** with True Colors Theater.

The camera and Nevaina have a mutual love affair, and she has been seen on **Tyler Perry's House of Payne**, **One Tree Hill**, and **Lifetime's** new hit series, **Army Wives**. Recently she worked on **The New Daughter** along side **Kevin Costner**, who said that Nevaina "could hold her own."

Her wide-mouth smile and contagious energy have won over even the most detached delinquents and at-risk teens. Nevaina studied drama education under Frank Whittow of the Academy Theatre for more than a decade and now shares her wealth of knowledge through **RAW** --- the **Real Actors Workshop** series.

Attracted to projects that inspire and enlighten, Nevaina is currently using her journalism degree to write a collection of short stories touted as true African-American folklore for moral development entitled "**Black Diamonds**," and she served as documentary consultant in the acclaimed effort **Angels Can't Help but Laugh**, which premiered at the Pan-African Film Festival, the Atlanta Film Festival, and Cannes.

Realizing that it is a blessing to be doing what she was created to do, Nevaina's motto is... "**For the Lord is my strength and the keeper of my craft, as I share my gift with you, I pray you, too are blessed.**" Thank you to my husband and our four children for giving Mommy the chance to go out and "play."