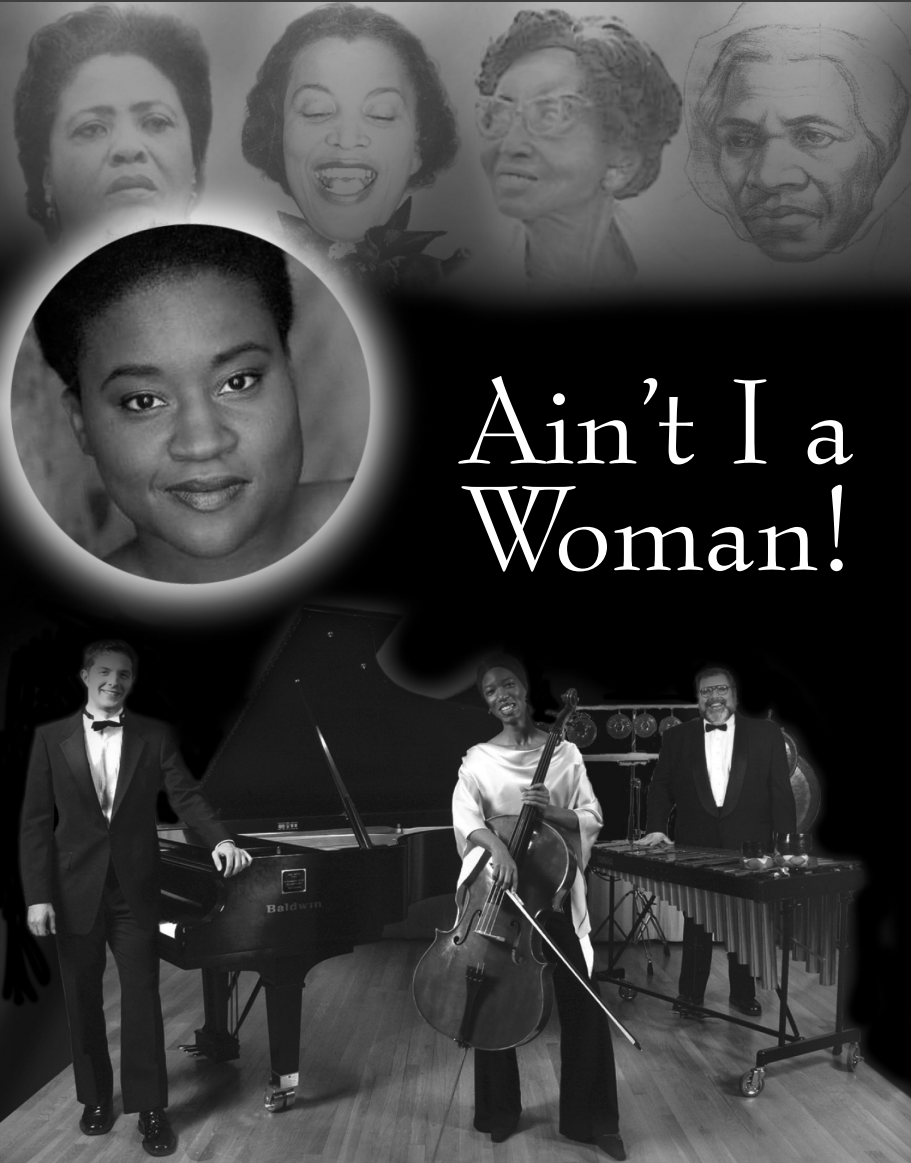


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Ain't I a Woman!

Ain't I a Woman! is a new music theatre work for actress and chamber music trio (cello, piano, percussion). It celebrates the life and times of four powerful African American women: novelist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston, ex-slave and abolitionist Sojourner Truth, folk artist Clementine Hunter, and civil rights worker Fannie Lou Hamer. The musical score is drawn from the heartfelt spirituals and blues of the Deep South, the urban vitality of the Jazz Age, and contemporary concert music by African American composers such as Charles Mingus, Thelonius Monk, Max Roach and Diane Monroe.

A chamber music theatre work conceived and performed by

THE CORE ENSEMBLE

(cello, piano & percussion)

and featuring

SHINNERIE JACKSON

as Zora Neale Hurston, Clementine Hunter, Fannie Lou Hamer and Sojourner Truth

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Core Ensemble

has garnered national recognition for its efforts to commission new chamber and multi-genre works. Concertizing and residency programming has taken the Core to Australia, Russia, the Caribbean, Ukraine and every region of the U.S. The Core Ensemble was the 2000 recipient of the Eugene McDermott Award for Excellence in the Arts awarded by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. *The Boston Globe* hailed the Core Ensemble as: "often formidable, always intelligent, ultimately compelling".

Shinnerrie Jackson

Shinnerrie Jackson has appeared in regional theatre and collegiate theatre in such productions as *Guys and Dolls*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Tempest*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *King Lear*, *All My Sons*, *The Glass Menagerie*, and *Raisin in the Sun*. Ms. Jackson holds an MFA in Acting from the University of Tennessee and a B.M. in Vocal Performance from Oberlin Conservatory. Shinnerrie Jackson is a member of Actor's Equity Association.

Educational programs and curriculum materials are available.

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