

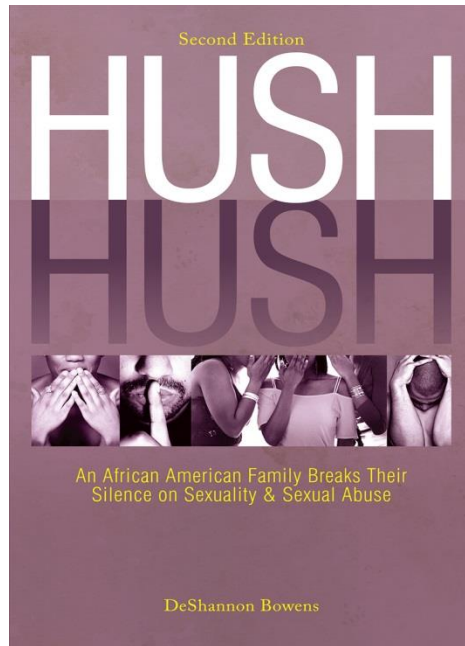


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Counseling and Education Services

"INCREASING AWARENESS, CHANGING LIVES"

Join Us for a Stage Reading of the New Play, *Hush Hush!*



Written by Aquaila Barnes, inspired by DeShannon Bowens' book, Hush Hush

Play Synopsis:

Set in present day, filmmaker Martha Kelli returns to her home town of Memphis, Tennessee to join her family in celebrating the arrival of a new baby. After staying away for many years, Martha Kelli's return to Memphis represents a special occasion for her mother. However, her Aunt Shirley hates the very idea of Martha Kelli stepping foot in their family home.

Hush Hush rings with drama and humor as Martha Kelli's arrival turns this household upside down. Her presence, though stirring and painful for some, is the impetus for healing within this family. Martha Kelli wants her family to cross the bridge of silence and talk about the elephant in the room many have ignored. But do they have the courage to be vulnerable and meet her halfway?

My True Colors Festival Stage Reading:

WHEN: Friday, June 26th, Book Signing - 6:30pm; Stage Reading - 7:30 to 9:30pm

WHERE: Faison Firehouse Theater, 6 Hancock Place, Harlem, NY (A/C to 125th)

COST: \$15 at the door or \$16.52 on line.

- Purchase at - <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1673157>
- Select the 6/26, 7:30pm slot or call **1-800-838-3006 ext. 1**

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Bios:

Playwright: Aquaila Barnes-Bowens

As a playwright, Aquaila burst onto the scene in December 1996, with her critically acclaimed stage play, "My People, My People". It premiered at the historical Madame C.J. Walker Theatre in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Aquaila's commitment to addressing social issues that stimulate and entertain continues to be expressed in the development of her stage works: "The Cost" (a political drama); "Give Me the Mic" (a one-woman show about self-worth); and "Sisters" (a drama about illness & letting go). When she is not writing, she offers her creativity as a tax preparer and financial advisor for individuals, couples and small businesses.

Director: Barbara Montgomery

Barbara Montgomery's exceptional career as an actor, writer and director has taken her from the Off-Off Broadway Movement, Regional Theatre, Broadway, Europe and the Far East. Television credits include: series regular on Amen and Married People, Quantum Leap, A Different World, Women Of The House, The Fresh Prince of Bel Air and Living Single.

On Broadway she's been in: Raisin the Musical, My Sister My Sister, The First Breeze of Summer, Kennedy's Children, Inacent Black and The Tap Dance Kid. In 1983, she co-founded and was Artistic Director of Black Women in Theatre, Inc., where she compiled and directed The Actress. She is the recipient of an Obie Award and several AUDELCO Awards.

For more information about Barbara and her latest film project, visit:
<http://mitotethefilm.com/index.html>

Hush Hush: Stay Connected

For updates on:

Hush Hush, the stage play
Hush Hush, the 2nd revised edition of the book, and
the educational piece, Hush Hush: The Healing Project

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