



# Fresh Visions Youth Theatre Company

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"...Where a Powerful Product Meets a Powerful Purpose..."

*"Celebrating 25 Years of Youth Theatre Excellence!"*

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*A FreshVisions' Fresh Initiative for our 25th season*

## **"Black Theatrical Omnibus 1"**

SHOWCASING A POWERFUL EXCERPT FROM THE NEW PLAY ABOUT JOSEPHINE BAKER, THE ORIGINAL DIVA

*--"LA BAKER DIVINE" written by Bruce Robinson--*

*Starring Maxine Canada Brown*

*The Germantown Theatre Centre, 4821 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia PA*

*Fri. November 22 and Sat. November 23. at 7:30.*

*Tickets \$12; \$10 for seniors and youth under 14*

FreshVisions Youth Theatre Company proudly presents its production of "Black Theatrical Omnibus 1" at FreshVisions' home theater, The Germantown Theatre Centre, 4821 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia PA.19144. The show runs for two evenings: Fri. November 22 and Sat. November 23. Show time for each night is at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$12; \$10 for seniors and youth age 14 and under (show suggested for youth above the age of 12). For more information, call 215-713-3898 or 267-226-7135 or visit our website:[www.fvyt.org](http://www.fvyt.org)

"Black Theatrical Omnibus 1" is two evenings of a potpourri of dramatic and humorous monologues, skits and play excerpts and scenes —interspersed with dance sequences—from some of the best black plays written; both classic and contemporary. It will be presented by some of FreshVisions' most skilled adult and young adult actors.

"Black Theatrical Omnibus 1" features as its centerpiece an awe-inspiring excerpt from writer Bruce Robinson's one-woman play "La Baker, Divine" or "The Life and Times of Josephine Baker—the Original Diva!" And it is performed by the woman who was born to play "Josephine", Maxine "Canada" Brown. Ms Brown is just coming off of a dazzling presentation of the piece at the famed Clef Club wherein she was on the same bill with performing luminaries such as Jean Carne and Norman Connors. Her performance was met with a thunderous ovation and garnered rave reviews.

"Black Theatrical Omnibus 1" also features performances by some of the best black actors and dancers in Philadelphia including Thom Wilkins, Learley McAllister-Wilkins, Bruce Robinson, Tyrone Mason, Carol Lumford John W. Frisby IV, Gabrielle Nicole Allen, Carmen Butler and Karen Lewis.

"Black Theatrical Omnibus 1" will be another landmark in FreshVisions storied 25 year history of presenting the best quality of theatre with both youth and adults at the best price. This first production will be just the beginning of an ongoing periodic series as we discover new gems of written artistry and re-present old classic pieces all done by performers who are at the height of their talents and skills. "Black Theatrical Omnibus 1" is truly a "must-see" event!

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