

NY Artists Unlimited
presents

"ISAAH'S DREAM - A Parade of Poets"



by
Melba LaRose

directed by
Kenny Wade Marshall



**A Harlem boy finds his own voice with the help of
poets from around the world & throughout time**

**Cast of 4 plays several poets
including**

**Maya Angelou, Nikki Giovanni, Langston Hughes,
Pablo Neruda, Julia de Burgos, Tagore & more**

**Jazz selections from
Paul Serrato's More Than Red album**

**Company Manager Courtney Sweeting
Stage Manager Joyce Pena**

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NY Artists Unlimited, founded in 1982, is dedicated to providing theatre to under-served audiences. The focus is on works that evoke dignity of the individual and sanctity of the human spirit. The company tours throughout the boroughs of NYC and the Northeast.

MESSAGE ABOUT "ISAIAH'S DREAM" FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR / PLAYWRIGHT

This is a piece inspired by a real boy from one of our children's workshops. He came from a neighborhood where he went to sleep to the sound of gunfire every night. Some of his friends had been killed in drug deals gone wrong - and he was only eight years old. A handful to deal with, always with his fists in the air, he was still a charmer. In the last session, with the teacher encouraging him and playing his secretary, he spoke a perfect poem that brought everyone to tears. We sincerely hope you enjoy our fictional interpretation of that wonderful day.

ISAIAH'S POEM

Martin Luther King, Jr., had kids.
His wife was a queen
So she had a boy king,
Then a girl queen.
The girl had a good father
And a good mother.
They did the right thing for
The black people...
and the white people.

Martin Luther King helped to make
White people and black people
Go to school together, read together,
Spell together, play together, love one another -
All that stuff -
Tried to keep them together,
So they don't get apart.

Sometimes, the queen
Went to the movies with the kids.
Everybody goes to the movies,
Black people go there,
White people go there.
Everybody sits together
And talks about the movies -
Madea Class Reunion, Madea Family Reunion,
And just tries to be ourselves,
White people and black people
Just play together, feel the love.

-- Isaiah, age 8