

APRIL 30th - MAY 1st 2021

# A Bowl of CHILLY'S Foreign Mind

By Kerry-Ann Reese  
A Caribbean Drama



*Chilly is a young Caribbean girl who leaves her hometown boyfriend in Jamaica and comes to America after being seduced by a con man who promises her a glamorous life of wine and roses and living in big mansions. This is a comedy drama with a message.*

MAY 7th - 9th 2021

# AN ARETHA STORY Natural Woman



**NATURAL WOMAN:**  
An Aretha Franklin Story  
*is a tale about the journey from childhood to adolescence, from a young woman to a Queen. The past and present intertwine as we filter her passionate lyrics through her interactions with many influences in her life, such as Sam Cooke, Mahalia Jackson, Mavis Staples, Dennis Edwards and of course her father, the Reverend C. L. Franklin.*

Written & Directed by **Thandiwe Deshazor**  
This Production in association with **Blake Vision**



## A CALL TO ACTION

We need radical change, and a new kind of "self love" that supports those institutions which define us, support us, and nurture our cultural, spiritual, educational, as well as, physical growth. In short, we need programs, leadership and institutions that, walk the walk and don't just talk, the talk. Reduce the Police Budget, build more community centers, Reduce the education budget - Fund more more community based independent schools, reduce the school lunch budget, let more community restaurants feed our children.

We need a new form of self love that has us voting like there is no tomorrow. We can't accept or believe that someone else controls our fate. We control our fate, if we just stick together! To quote the late Adam Clayton Powell, "It's in our hands! Look what's in our hands!"

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CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP PRODUCTION

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