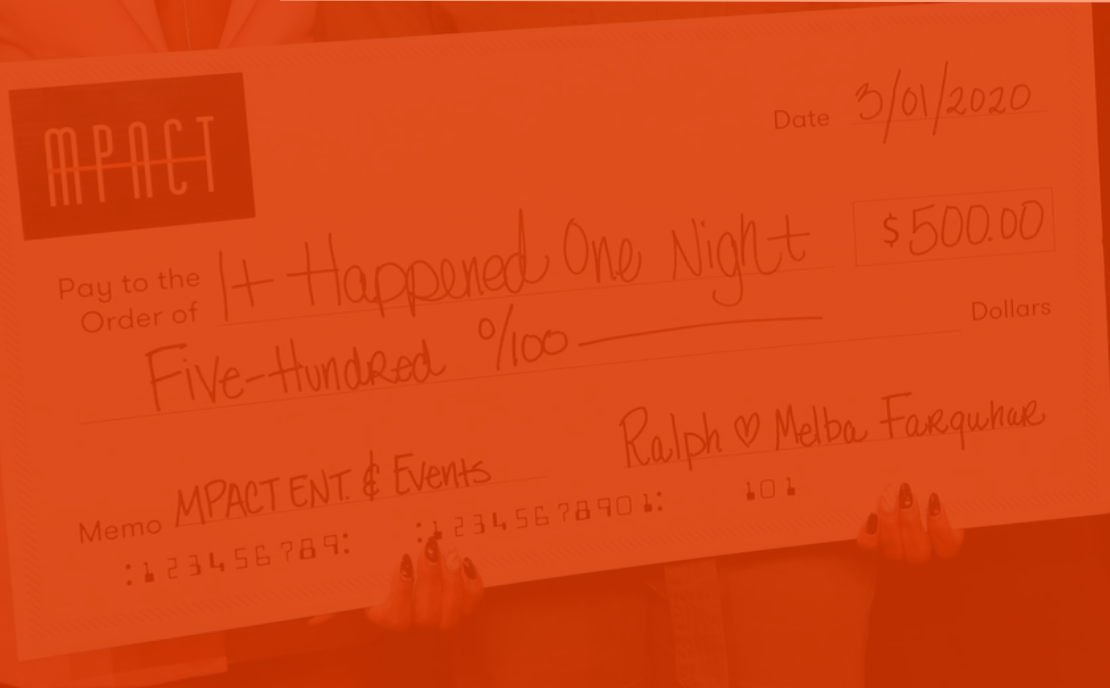


WACO THEATER CENTER PRESENTS

PLAN A

film festival

Black women on the rise



2022/23 Artistic Season

BLACK WITH A CAPITAL **B**

March 18

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Dear Patrons,

Welcome back to WACO Theater Center as we celebrate 5 years supporting the dreams of artists and young people. We are honored by your presence at this year's PLAN A: Black Women on the Rise film festival.

Your support tonight directly benefits the artists, young people and community members that WACO serves across Los Angeles and beyond.

The arts provide a gateway to the stories and histories of our communities. They allow us to laugh, cry, reflect and heal. We know the power of art and will continue to invest in education programs and world class productions.

We both know what it means to have a strong support system to guide you through life. We are proud to share that our first class of mentees in Tina's Angels and Richard's Warriors graduated and we are so excited for what is next in their future.

As we continue our artistic season, *Black with a Capital B*, we look to deepen our commitment, and expand our footprint to reach more artists and young people who we know will change the world.

Enjoy yourself tonight. We look forward to seeing you again at the theater, and invite you to join us, as we celebrate 5 years and our journey into the future.

Together—we are WACO. We are creating a home Where Art Can Occur.

Richard Lawson
Founder & Artistic Director

Tina Knowles Lawson
Founder & Artistic Director

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MEMORIES



Founded in 2017 by Richard and Tina Knowles Lawson, WACO (Where Art Can Occur) Theater Center is located in the burgeoning North Hollywood Arts District of Los Angeles and is one of the few cultural institutions in the country providing contemporary performing and visual arts of the African Diaspora.

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Mission Statement

WACO Theater Center is a performing and visual arts organization dedicated to the empowerment of Los Angeles artists, young people and stories of the African diaspora.

We present, commission and develop artistic works to provide artists and young people a platform and voice to showcase their creativity.

Values Statement

WACO's artistic and education programs are driven by four values. We create work that unapologetically:

- **Centers Black art and culture** from a diasporic lens and voice.
- **Incubates and launches new creative ideas** to memorialize the past and envision the future of Black life.
- **Is collaborative and leads with an Ubuntu mindset**, "I am, because we are."
- **Serves the needs of the community** including the social, economic and civic priorities of our neighbors and Black Los Angeles.

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PLAN A

film festival

Black women on the rise

in partnership with **M.P.A.C.T. Events and Entertainment**

short film finalists

Dear Mama

Winter Dunn / Director
Charmaine Cleveland / Writer

Ro and the Stardust

Eunice Levis / Director
Eunice Levis / Writer

Smoking Gun

Sanicole / Director
Sanicole / Writer

Why Me

Abdou Cisse / Director
Nikki Fagbem / Writer

Look Back at It

Felicia Pride / Director
Felicia Pride / Writer

short films by Tina's Angels

Castle Escape

Laila McKInnon / Director
Laila McKInnon / Writer

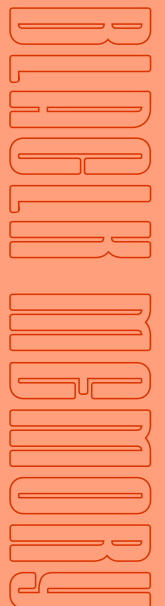
Wanna Be Happy?

Joy Victoria / Director
Joy Victoria / Writer

event production

Brittany Batchelder, Producer/MPACT
Carolyn Gage, Technical Manager
Cornelius Humphries, Special Events Manager
Kelli Rasmus, Producer/MPACT

Kobe Lamaur, Production Coordinator / Box Office
Lanae Wilks, House Manager
Shay Wafer, Producer
Steven Foley, Producer





Thank you to the WACO Theater Center *staff*

Richard Lawson, *Artistic Director*

Tina Knowles Lawson, *Artistic Director*

Shay Wafer, *Executive Director*

Alex Kalognomos, *Special Events Producer*

Ariel Reyes, *Director of Finance & HR*

Bria Williams, *Senior Executive Assistant*

Carolyn Gage, *Technical Manager*

Cornelius Humphries, *Special Events Coordinator*

Isreal Spencer, *Mentor*

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Kobe Lamaur, *Administrative Assistant*

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Lanae Wilks, *House Manager*

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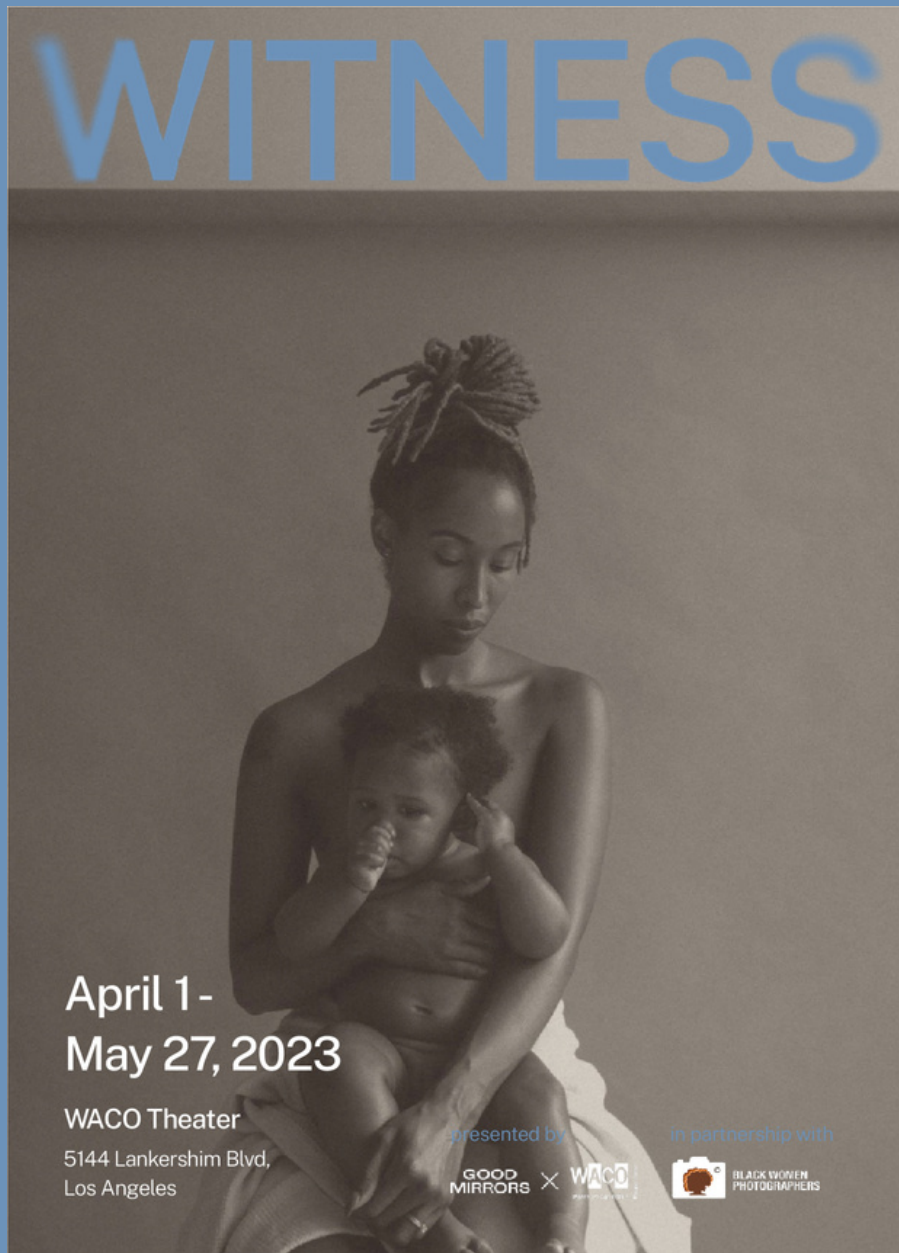
Terrence Terrell, *Mentor*

Tocarra Cash, *Education Coordinator & Mentor*

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April 1- May 27



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