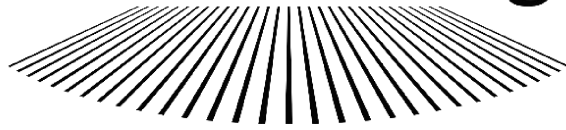


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Content Advisory

The Western Stage has a commitment to presenting diverse material that is entertaining and sometimes challenging. Content and themes may not be appropriate for all, as sensitivities vary by individuals. While TWS does not determine suitability, we offer the following inventory of content that some may consider adult in nature and of stage effects that may be of concern for patron health. Please keep in mind that the words listed, taken out of context, may seem more offensive than they would in the context of the play.

How Black Mothers Say I Love You

by Trey Anthony

Synopsis DRAFT: *How Black Mothers Say I Love You* is the tale of a mother, three daughters, and their attempts to love each other in less than ideal circumstances. Daphne is a Caribbean mother who leaves her two daughters behind in Jamaica for six years to start a better life in America. This separation has devastating consequences for each family member, all of whom are searching for love, reconciliation, and forgiveness. *How Black Mothers Say I Love You* explores our own desire and urgent need for truth and how we respond to what has been left unsaid. (taken from thetheatretimes.com)

Special Effects: TBA – please check back as technical elements are determined and finalized.

Language:

- “Crap” and its variations - 1 time
- “Hell” - 1 time
- “Damn” - 8 times
- “Shit” - 4 times
- “F*ck” and its variations - 2 time

Violence:

- “Your father beating the shit out of you”
- “And Momma would beat her for crying”
- “I didn’t want her to beat me.”
- “Her fingers used to bleed and she kept on sewing”
- “I knew that if he ever found out he would kill me and the baby.”
- “Momma knew Poppa would beat her and me...”

Sex:

- “Last time I checked I still had a uterus.”
- “Find you a young hot stud with good swimmers to fertilize those old eggs.”
- “Sperm”
- “When you’re not tired you have sex once a week”
- “I came off the pill two years ago and I had one miscarriage”
- “I would think Mom was having an affair with Pastor Thomas.”
- Sexual reference
- “For months I couldn’t even make him touch me.”
- Provocative dancing for humorous effect
- “Pregnant at sixteen!”
- “That didn’t stop her from having sex.”
- Discussion about abortion and menstruation
- “I didn’t want you to think that you had to lay with every and any man who promised to buy you a new dress...”

Drugs/Alcohol:

- “Pills, medicine, chemo.”
- “Havin some deadbeat mom hooked on crack”
- References to medicinal pills
- “In the morning splash a little bay rum in my bath”
- “He’s selling marijuana! Drugs!”
- “I’m sure having a drug-dealing son...”
- “Once the liquor took hold of him he was a different man.”
- “The only time I ever saw Poppa laugh was when he had a rum bottle in his hand. Help him forget.”
- “And by the time he reached the end of that bottle he was the meanest man you ever could know.”