

## National Hit Musical Stage Play “Church Girl” Brings All-Star Cast to Houston

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**April 29, 2010 - [PRLog](#)** -- Houston, TX – Urban theatre enthusiasts around the country are all abuzz about the highly anticipated tour of Church Girl. This no holds barred musical stage play, based on a true story, was written and produced by Angela Barrow-Dunlap and directed by Reuben Yabuku. The play runs in Houston May 12 – 16, 2010 at the Verizon Wireless Theatre.

Church Girl tells the story of Emily Franklin, the seemingly wholesome daughter of a prominent pastor, who is seduced by the charms of a worldly life. Emily is hiding a very shocking secret and like all things evil, it is festering. Emily has been working diligently to cover up the dark choices she has made, but when her secret is exposed, events take a dramatic turn and skeletons coming crashing out of her closet.

Everyone wants to know what could push a quintessential church girl to turn her back on everything she has been taught.

National playwright and producer, Angela Barrow-Dunlap, is no stranger to the theatre world. As the creator of such hit stage plays as *If These Hips Could Talk*, *My Brother Marvin* as well as one of the highest grossing urban stage plays of all time, *Why Good Girls Like Bad Boyz*, fans of her work have come to appreciate her storytelling methodology. “This is much more than just another production to me,” says Barrow-Dunlap. “There is power and purpose in this piece, mainly because it was born out of the true story of someone very dear and close to me. But also because it will touch the hearts of so many hurting women. Women around the country are responding to the message of Church Girl because it resonates so powerfully within them...it’s their story. Most every woman has at some point in her life given in to temptation, and as a result felt trapped. Church Girl simply says that you can choose to be free.”

Barrow-Dunlap’s new musical, Church Girl, brings together some of the film, television and music world’s hottest stars on one stage for one unforgettable production. Leading the cadre of characters is one of Hollywood’s most sought after actresses, Robin Givens, Grammy Award-winning gospel powerhouse Karen Clark Sheard of the legendary Clark Sisters, R&B soul-singer/songwriter A’ngela Winbush, actress Demetria McKinney from the NAACP Image Award-winning television series *House of Payne*; actor Sean Blakemore from the movies *Motives I and II* and Tony Grant from *The Marriage Counselor*. The show also features play circuit powerhouses and theatre veterans Wanda Nero-Butler, Gia Wyre and Teisha Lott.

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