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SHOPTALK AUDIENCE WITH VENDORS FAYETTEVILLE,
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AUDIENCE COMMENTS & REVIEWS

SHOPTALK AUDIENCE REVIEWS FROM COLORADO, KANSAS, MISSOURI, NORTH CAROLINA

Hi Carolyn my name is Monica Showell Thomas thanks for adding me as a friend....your story really inspired me..... I was also a victim of domestic abuse thats how I ended up in fayetteville, and thanks be to God for Simon Temple for the food and nourishment I receive, and thanking god for putiing a king in my life after the

tragedy I went through where I was sceptical about because of the abuse, hurt and pain I went through.....so thanks for you for your story....for along time I couldn't watch or see plays or movies with domestic abuse in it because it took me back to what I went through but each day got better it still hurts sometime but I try not to live my pass.....May God continue to bless you and keep you and bless you abuntantly...North Carolina, 4/2010

I really enjoyed Women Shoptalk, While Real Men Wait! It touched on many of today's issues such as drugs, abuse, adultery, and gossip. Then it creatively showed how God is more powerful than all of these issues. Everyone will benefit from seeing this play.

--Dr. Grace LaJoy Henderson, Author

Sexual Purity and the Young Woman

Kansas City, MO.

Just wanted to let you know that everyone has spoken highly about the play. They all loved it and had great reviews for it. Keep pressing your way and never stop looking up. Love you

Pam Johnson

Kansas City, MO. 4/5/08

From: Shelton, Mary C [mailto:CShelton@kcpd.org] **Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2008 7:46 AM **To:** Johnson, Pamela L **Subject:** RE: Shop Talk

Shop Talk was a realistic portrayal of the horror and devastation of domestic violence and the affects it has not only on the victim but on those closest to the victim. It was funny and

entertaining.

Hey Sis (I have officially adopted you as my sister) I would like to know who to contact for the dancers ,would like to bless them if you have info please let me know, we are still receiving calls about the show ALL GOOD! everyone loved the show and many have stated the actors were great. They loved Reese, and many emotions flowed about the baby sister. Your story was wonderful, Praise God! I've also talked with my sister in-law in Tulsa Okla. president of a book club that is very well known , I'll get with you later. They will be interested OK

I speak the love of God the Peace of God and the Prosperity of God in each **of your lives today and in the future**. May you always have favor. May **everything you** put your hands too prosper. May no WEAPON formed against you **prosper**.

much Love

1st Lady Lenora Wills, Topeka Kansas 4/2/08**You all** have beautiful caring spirits, and I want to thank you for Including **My Baby and her dance team in the play**, it was off the chain, I had the **opportunity to actually** watch it in Topeka and it was the Bomb! It is also a **great** experience and an A+ for Kosha's portfolio. I know I have to get in **shape because these girls are** going to get Blessed beyond measure because of **you all**.**Tell Paradise she would make any Mom proud**. She has such a patient spirit **and the girls are crazy a** bout her. I could not believe she was only 17. Wow! **how Professional**.**Many Blessing on your Next venture and** If you need us call us.**Love your Sis** - Wilma, Kansas City, Mo 4/3/08**True Holiness Family Church Pastor** Theodis Williams and the Women of Integrity women's Dept would like to extend a HEART FELT THANK YOU

to the SHOPTALK CAST and OASIS PRODUCTIONS for allowing us to be promoters of this awesome production, To God be the Glory , we have been receiving nothing but great reviews , our phones have been ringing off the hook , Carolyn continue to let THE Lord use you , and we are praying your strength, STAY HUMBLE , you have yet to see what God has in store for you, Ms. Angie you are GOD SENT , **GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND WE PRAY MUCH SUCCESS IN YOUR UPCOMING PERFORMANCES** Pastor and 1st lady Wills, Topeka, KS

Carolyn..... I just want you to know that I am truly proud of you for allowing God to work in your life.....in such a way that so many people are blessed and touched and helped.....Congrats on the play....soon to be movie!!! I get so much strength from your dances and the magnificent reviews.....Just know that you and yours are always in our prayers..... Thanks, Vee Williams & J asen Edwards families , Colora do Springs, CO291 -1488 cell 391 -4206 home P.SKiss "all" your children for me !!! Love Ya !!

From: James, Reona

To: Zenobia Smith

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 11:02 AM

When you come to Northern CA, I have several groups that I belong to that would be willing to support your production. Come soon! J God's speed with this production.

Honey

Hello Cousin Carolyn, Congratulations on your sold-out play. And on your success and continued determination to do something that you love and enjoy - it may be your calling/ministry.

Love, JeTonne, Jacksonville, FL

Subject: RE: Theater Play THIS SAT! "Women Shoptalk While Real Men

WAIT"Date: Mon, 17 Sep 2007 14:29:58 -0600From:
Vitie.Brown@omip.com To: towoods88@msn.com Terry,

Wow! What a great show! Thanks for the invite, me and the wifey had a blast. Let's stay in touch!

Vitie L. Brown, Denver, CO *Internal Sales Associate* **Old Mutual Investment Partners**Tel 888 -772-2888 x7629Fax 720 -200-7690

From: JDubosejr@aol.com

To: kcsongbird@kc.rr.com

Sent: Monday, September 03, 2007 7:14 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: oasis12164 sent you a video!

AWESOME Sister Zee!!!

This play should be on Broadway in New York!!!!

Tell the producer to consider the Beacon Theater for 2 weeks in December.

It will be a smash!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Lots Of Love,Jonathan DuBose Jr., New YorkThe Propheying
Guitarist, WWW.JDuBose.COM**

I have looked at your DVD and I thought it was pretty good. It reminds me a lot of Tyler Perry productions. Darryl, Fort Carson, CO

Hey Lady!!! So wonderful to see you. My husband and I DID see this play when it was in Colorado Springs a couple months ago. We had a great time. Here's wishing you ALL THE BEST!!! Love, SJ

Oh Carol I am so proud of you. You are so talented and me and Gwen were laughing and crying through the whole play. That Reese is so Fine. Oh girl when you touched his chest, I was jealous and wished it was me. You are so lucky! But girl Mark is fine too. I just loved the play. You are right about Rain being me in the play and Destiny being our sister Clarice. You are such a good actress and that guy that played Ed was mean just like Ed. He is a good actor. Girl you are going to make it big. Tyler Perry watch out! when you come back to Kansas City, I'm a make sure the whole family comes. They missed a treat. I love you and I am SOOO proud of you baby girl. You have always had talent. I miss you and the kids. Kiss Star for me.

Love Sister

Lillian Frye, Sedalia, MO 4/2/08

In a message dated 9/25/2007 10:47:24 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, ardesia_parr@yahoo.com writes:

Hey Sis!

I just wanted to let you know I am really excited for you and your cast and that through it all God brought it together and He is just opening doors for you and healing those who come out to view the Play. Continue to just bique in Him and seize this Godly moment Lady for truly this is your season!

All for Christ,

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From: Johnnie Stewart , LaVan's mother of House of Pain

To: Zenobia Smith

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 1:28 AM

Subject: Re: Women Shoptalk While Real Men Wait Stage Play

Wow, right on, right on. The advertisement is wonderful and you are absolutely beautiful. Tell Carolyn God's got everything in place and we're just waiting for Him to open the curtain.....Wow!

Carolyn,

thanks for coming to Topeka. The play was off the chain. Girl they still talking about Reese. We love Reese. Thanks for speaking to the students at Topeka High School. The school board loved you so much that they brought 100 tickets for the students to attend the play. That white boy was good too. The young girl really inspired a lot of the students. I am so proud of you girl. I can tell Tyler Perry really inspired you. You are the bomb!

Lisa Carter,

Topeka H.S. Social Worker

Girl,

everyone in the beauty shop can't stop talking about Shoptalking Reese. They loved the play. When Reese took off that wig and his shirt, they was fainting like you did on stage. They love some Reese. Don't you change a thing in that play about Reese. He is so fine! I am so proud of you and I love you.

1st Lady Bobbie Harvery,

Kansas City, MO

Hey Carol,

To be honest with you, until I saw it live, I did not totally understand the magnitude and the power of Shoptalk The audience loved it's entirety. They laughed and they cried the entire time. It did not dawn on me how powerful and effective this play was until the gun went off. I saw my stage crew cry during the sister's testimony and you when you two dance in the last scene. I'm sold on Shoptalk. The DVD you sent me can't touch the live performance. If I had the money I would definitely invest in Shoptalk. The whole world needs to see this play. I am going to make some phone calls about that. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work with you in Kansas City. You are a wonderful and humble person. You know who I love, Zenobia. She and Pastor tore that scene up. You have an awesome gift to write. Never sell your self short. You are worth much more..

Be Blessed my sister. If you need the set we designed to take to Atlanta, let me know. I think Leon has it in storage. Don't give up and don't be discouraged. You are a gift from God and I love you genuinely.

Talk with you soon.

K.B., K.B. Productions

Girl,

My phones are ringing off the hook. Some of my church folks and voice students missed the play and they want you to bring the play back to Kansas City. Tina says her phones are ringing off the hook too. She said Bishop Henderson loved the play. Everyone loved the play. The band was the bomb! And you know they loved them some Reese. That boy is funny and fine! Give me the Atlanta dates so I can lock them in. Folks are trying to book me to sing, but Shoptalk comes first. You know LaVan and Johnny Mae along with all of House of Pain cast are going to the Atlanta show. The Shriners and my financial advisor loved the play too. They know some folks that can help you.

Love ya, Zee

Sis,

I got 75 orders for the DVD. The word has spread in Topeka and I can't wait until the DVD is ready. They loved them some Reese. Terry is a great actor. You danced beautifully in the play. People in the audience were crying when you danced with the sister and when Clayton beat you up. I know you made a difference in Sis. Jennifer's life. She is getting her Mega church in Miami to sponsor the play. She said because of you, she has the courage to divorce her abusive husband. Wow! You really made a difference in this little oh city. Thank you for blessing us.

I love you sis. Don't forget to check out your interview on Channel 49. You did good.

Pam Foston,

Topeka, KS Promoter

Carolyn,

I am soo proud of you. I brought my entire church to see the play and they really loved it. Women was fanning and shouting over Reese. You are so amazingly talented and I am so glad to know you. You made my heart glad and the word was powerful. Continue to travel and spread God's word. The play was excellent. Thank you so much for graciously blessing my church. Tell Jamie and Franki in the Springs hello.

Pastor Sandy Ray Fields,

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Topeka, KS

Carolyn, You are making a wonderful name for yourse If!! What a blessing to realizesuch big dreams!! Keep working! Keep striving!! Keep Praying (we willtoo)!!! Congratulations and may you continue in success!!!! --Rho

COUSIN RASHONDA HERRING, LIVE OAK, FL

“Shoptalk is the play of the year. It has a little bit of something for everybody. Men will love it, women will cry, and everyone will laugh with the comedy. Inspiration from the dancing as well as inspirational gospel singing. Most of all, Shoptalk delivers a message of healing,” KTKA Channel 49, Topeka, KS

"I really enjoyed watching the play. The DVD can't touch the live performance. The entertaining beauty shop gossip and the beautiful gospel voices brings the play to life. I truly loved the play, and I know many will be blessed by the play. Carolyn is a great writer & actress, and Reese is hilarious," says Abby Lane, NBC News, Colorado

To view ABC interview, visit:

http://www.ktka.com/news/2008/mar/30/woman_turns_hurtful_past_play/

To view video clips from the play, visit: www.womenshoptalk.com

Carolyn, I really enjoyed the Pueblo show. Girl that play is off the chain. You are famous and I want to be the first to have your autograph. Shoptalk is going to make you famous. I loved it, and you are a great actress.

Dawn, Colorado Springs, CO.

Oh my gosh. Shoptalk is wonderful. You are a wonderful actress and I loved the domestic violence scene. It really touched my heart. I couldn't stop crying. Me and a bunch of ladies were crying so hard, we had to ask for a box of tissue. I have seen Shoptalk several times and I love it every time. I love the changes you have made and you have been wonderful. Thank you for allowing my daughter to be a part of Shoptalk. It has really helped her in her growth, and she loves it.

Ms. Jackson, Colorado Springs, CO

Broaden your horizons, extend to all people. Much love and experience for the play, lots of natural acting talent!!!

I would love to thank you for letting Lisa do this and I pray that she has more chances to do so.

This was a very well done play. I really enjoyed it. You need more exposure. I think with this, more people would come.

God Bless you all, The Harrison and Halls

The play was very nice. It was presented very well. The cast did an awesome job. They performed like professionals. Carolyn did a wonderful job acting and writing.

Natrena Knight

SHOPTALK NORTH CAROLINA COMMENTS

Carolyn, thank you for having us as a cast in your play. We are so excited to be a part of such a wonderful and touching story. It is hard to beleive you survived all of that and you still can smile. We saw you on the internet and couldn't wait to meet you. We look forward to tomorrows performance.

Danny Clay (Pastor Clark) & Jon Saxx (Mark, Saxophonist)

Carolyn, I loved your play. It is wonderful that you shared your story. The music was great, and my son did a wonderful job playing the sax. I truly loved the entire play. This is a production that you have to bring to Cin, OH. They need to see this play.

Jon Saxx mother

Carolyn, we are in class together and I kept looking at you because I was trying to figure out if you were the one on stage. I just want you to know that I loved the play. You are a great actress, and all the cast were excellent. The whole play was great. I loved it.

Fayetteville student, comm major

Carolyn, Thank you for sharing your story with the entire student body. We truly enjoyed you as the guest speaker for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. All the students were touched by your story. A few have come in for counseling to get

help because of your testimony. I look forward to seeing the play next week. I am so excited and happy for you. You and Keith did an excellent job coming to Fayetteville State as our guest.

Pam Smith,

FSU Counselor

Girl that play was the bomb. I loved it. That one guy can really blow. He sound just like Luther Vandross. I am so glad I drove to come and see the play. You had me cracking up with some of the lines. It reminded me of when we were kids. The girl talk and how you stole your moms car so we could go out. That part really cracked me up. Honestly Carol, I am so proud of you. You told your story. I told you Ed wasn't good enough for you. I could just.....for what he did to you...I loved the music and singing especially the Character Rain. She was soo wonderful.

1st Lady Paula Williams

Statesboro, GA

Carolyn, Your father and I are so glad we came down to see the play. We are so proud of you. You worked so hard and now I got to finally see why. Your father and I really enjoyed the play.

Ethel & Joe Herring, Madea and Daddy

Lake City, FL

Well I finally got to see why you are never at home and always so busy. I know that play was a lot of work and you sure put a lot into it. You are a good actor too. That one actor sings really good. He sounds like someone I've heard before on the radio. He was real good. All the actors were good. The one that played your husband was so good that he scared me too. I really enjoyed myself and I am proud of you.

Virginia Herring, mother

Warrensburg, MO

Now I understand why you cast me for your play. I love this play and I am so honored that you chose me to play the part of the white girl. This has been a healing for me and I needed it, Anytime you ever need me, I'm there for you and I love you sooo much. I can't thank you enough.

Angela Weiss,

Fayetteville, N.C.

Carolyn I really love my part of Destiny. You know that's my real story about going to the church singing and to the clubs. I loved being in shoptalk, I love the play, I look forward to doing it again.

Von Demitriv,

Fayetteville, N,C.

Carolyn thank you so much for the opportunity to be in your play and being a part of your story. It was cool being in the newspaper too. My family really loved and enjoyed the play. I've never played a part like that before, but I truly enjoyed being in the production and helping in anyway I could. I really enjoyed bonding with the out of town cast. Especially Reese, Danny and Jon. Reese is off the chain. That boy is crazy.

Norman Ricks

Fayetteville, N. C.

"Thank you for sharing your testimony with me. I have courage to leave, I am going to get help before it's too late. The abuse has really broke down my self esteem and until I saw your play I had no hope. I have not been through as much as you have, but you inspire me because you survived."

Fayetteville State student, N.C.

Welcome

Upcoming Events