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Star of Television's "In Living Color", Historymaker and FAMU Graduate to be Honored in Atlanta Before Honoring Others at Her Chicago Birthday Benefit



T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh

Los Angeles, CA (September 26, 2012) -- Actress T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh will be inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 29, 2012 during the organization's 26th Annual Weekend Conference in Atlanta, GA. Other 2012 honorees include Floyd Gordon (Arts), Michael Straham (Athletics), John Funny (Business), Dr. Velma Speight-Buford, Rev. Dr. Shirley Ann Caesar, and Dr. Arthur E. Thomas (Lifetime Achievement). Past Entertainment inductees, include Leontyne Price, Roscoe Lee Browne, Nancy Wilson and Oprah Winfrey. "It is humbling" Keymáh says, "to be in such company."

On Friday, September 28, 2012, Keymáh will once again join more than one hundred fellow HistoryMakers across the country for the third annual Back-to-School with the HistoryMakers event. In 2010, she spoke at Pearl Cohn High School in Nashville and last year, at her alma mater, St. Sabina Academy in Chicago. This year, she looks forward to speaking at Atlanta's Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy.

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The Atlanta trip is a break from rehearsals for the ever youthful Chicago native's 50th birthday celebration of song, dance, poetry, drama and comedy, in *An Evening with T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh & Friends*. This extravaganza will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at St. Sabina Academy, 7801 S. Throop St. in Chicago. Show time is 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. A fundraiser for the school, the event will also recognize four other organizations working to promoting peace and productivity in the south side neighborhoods where the performer was raised. Among those joining her on stage: Broadway performer Bryan C. Jones, funny man Tim P.M., the Najwa Dance Corps, Clarence Boykins and The Cool School, Inc., and more. There will be raffles, items for sale, dancing and a few surprises.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. Visit <http://keymahbirthdaybenefit.brownpapertickets.com> for more information, or call (800) 848-3006.

"I can't think of a better way to celebrate this milestone birthday than to be in my hometown performing on one of my very first stages, raising money for my school and community, being a part of the peace process and hanging out with family and friends!"

Keymáh is known worldwide as a series regular on Fox's Emmy Award-winning *In Living Color*, CBS' hit, *COSBY*, and Disney's *That's So Raven*. Keymáh's stage performances have included *Love Letters* (w/ David Alan Grier); her acclaimed one-woman show, *Some of My Best Friends*; the Moscow production of John Henry Redwood's drama, *The Old Settler*; August Wilson's *Piano Lesson*; and *T'Keyah Live...Mostly*. Keymáh directed the world premiere of the stage production *Route 66: Finding Nat King Cole*, and served with actor Lamman Rucker as Celebrity Co-Chair, of the 2011 National Black Theatre Festival.

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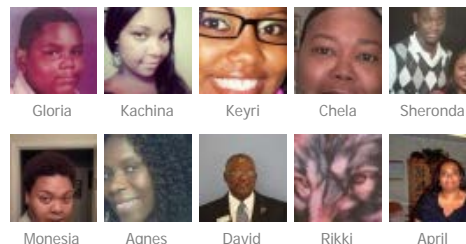
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