

# The Fannie Lou Hamer Story

## One Woman Stage Play

Singer/Actress mZuri's one-woman play, The Fannie Lou Hamer Story, depicts a woman who defined the term "freedom fighter." The work of Fannie Lou Hamer during the turbulent 1960's promoting voter registration and her deep commitment to grass-roots anti-poverty projects made her a central figure in the civil rights movement.



Inspired by her strength and courage, mZuri wrote and produced this one-woman play in which she stars. Mzuri's powerful singing voice and soulful performance are the hallmarks of this play. A critic once wrote, "When Ms. mZuri sings, God smiles, and angels flap their wings." On stage she sings an array of religious and freedom songs that were some of Hamer's favorites including her signature song "This Little Light of Mine." Since its inception, the play has graced stages throughout the country allowing audiences to experience the truth and beauty that encompassed Fannie Lou Hamer's struggle for civil rights.

- First performance in 2001 at The New Yorican Poet's Cafe and Yale University
- 2002 AUDELCO "VIV" Award for Best Solo Performance
- The Play has been a huge sensation across the country especially at Colleges & Universities

### Past College Dates:

SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA - YALE UNIVERSITY -  
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY - KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY - FLORIDA INT'L UNIVERSITY  
ALABAMA A&M - FISK UNIVERSITY - PRINCETON UNIVERSITY - MILLERSVILLE  
UNIVERSITY PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE - WILLIAM PATTERSON  
UNIVERSITY - ROWAN UNIVERSITY AUGUSTINE UNIVERSITY - LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL -  
DOMENICAN UNIVERSITY - OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY - KENTUCKY STATE  
WALSH UNIVERSITY - QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA -  
OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

### Press

"mZuri is most successful at drawing observers into Hamer's world when she's sharing the activist's plain-spoken philosophy."

- Christine Dolen, Miami Herald

"Her stage presence is powerful and she has a strong and soulful voice that can carry a rocking melody, a sultry love song or a moving spiritual."

- Ken Nash, Public Employee Press



**mZuri as Fannie  
Lou Hamer**