

**Washington, DC April 27, 2013** - Wanda Spence, great niece of nationally & internationally renowned artist, educator, curator and advocate [Delilah W. Pierce](#), has been selected to play *Judge Harrison* in **A Change Is Gonna Come** written by award-winning playwright, [Vickie L. Evans](#). **A Change Is Gonna Come is a true-to-life depiction of domestic violence and its judicial consequences.**

Wanda Spence plays a strong and stern judge who offers courtroom advice regarding the psychological, moral, spiritual, and judicial effects of domestic violence. Wanda's fellow cast members are delighted to have her on board and putting her creative perspective on *Judge Harrison*. Several cast members said and (or) agreed that:

***“Wanda took the bull by the horn and rode it without any saddle last night!”***

This is a case of art imitating life for Wanda Spence, a survivor of 20 years of spousal abuse.

*“I survived 20 years of verbal and physical abuse and understand that it usually occurs because of deeper complexities within the human spirit...often with generational consequences. Often, victims are afraid to involve our law enforcement officials because of fear of retaliation. I will approach Judge Harrison keeping my personal experiences in mind.”*

Wanda will also bring Judge Harrison to life with objectivity, passion, and a sense of purpose.

**A Change Is Gonna Come** is running in the [DC Black Theatre Festival](#), with two shows: Saturday, June 22 at 8:00 pm and Saturday, June 29 at 4:00 pm, at the [Silver Spring Cultural Arts Center](#). **Tickets on sale May 1, 2013 and are \$15.00. Order tickets on May 1st at <http://www.forgiven2.com>.**

## **About A Change Is Gonna Come**

Winner of **FOUR** Velocity Magazine Awards, **A Change Is Gonna Come** is the true-to-life depiction of domestic violence, hidden behind the walls of a church...at the hands of a least-likely suspect – A Pastor! First Lady Lisa Sills, a beautiful, intelligent, and dedicated wife, portrays the image of a blissful pastor's wife in the public eye; while secretly being violated, manipulated, and robbed of her self-esteem “behind closed doors”. This emotionally-charged dramatization is captivating, heart-wrenching, eye-opening, revealing, explosive, mysterious, and entertaining! It will make you laugh, cry, sigh, and applaud the outcome! **STELLAR** performances by a Tri-City combined cast from Washington, DC; Charlotte, NC; and Philadelphia, PA.

Although the background of this dramatization centers around the church, **A Change Is Gonna Come** conveys a **UNIVERSAL** message...that domestic violence can and does happen to **ANYONE** (celebrities, musicians, lawyers, doctors, men, women, teens, etc.). **NO** class of people or race is exempt! You will witness the agony of entrapment; the generational transference of abuse passed down from the father to the son; a mother's internal anguish; a **SURPRISE** revelation; a courtroom controversy; and so much more! It will keep you on the edge of your seat!

**A Change Is Gonna Come** mission is **NOT** to ostracize or embarrass; our goal **IS** to provide a non-threatening visualization that will open opportunities to invoke training, counseling, intervention, and prevention between clergy and congregants, in anticipation of restoring healthy families, and rebuilding strong churches and communities.

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