## Mia Raye Smith Bio:

Mia is an international award-winning writer and solo performer. Mia was born in Detroit, Michigan, with an African American, Creole and Acadian heritage from Louisiana. She spent her teenage years growing up in Queens, NY. It was there that she developed her characters from multicultural backgrounds. Mia studied acting at William Esper Studio. Her first solo play, "I Am Hope," was developed in Emmy Award-winning writer Matt Hoverman's Go-Solo Workshop. "I Am Hope" was a critic pick in Now Toronto. "Smith Seamlessly Plays 19 characters, including herself, her grandparents, her therapist and classmates. Her character work is masterful." Mia has toured in Theatre festivals and many College Campuses. Mia received a grant from the New York City department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council to write, perform and produce her second solo play.