



**New Stage Unframed Series presents**  
*Sunset Baby*

**By Dominique Morisseau**

**JACKSON**—Jackson, Mississippi – The Unframed Series at New Stage Theatre presents *Sunset Baby* by Dominique Morriseau February 24th-25th 2023 at 7:30 p.m and February 26th 2023 at 2pm. Tickets may be purchased online at newstagetheatre.com for \$10 until February 24th, 2023 at 5pm. If there is seating available, tickets may also be purchased for \$15 half hour before each show. *Sunset Baby* is a 90 minute show with no intermission. The performances are staged at New Stage’s Warehouse Theatre, which is located at 1000 Monroe Street in the Belhaven Heights neighborhood. *Sunset Baby* contains STRONG ADULT LANGUAGE, CONTENT AND THEMES AND IS FOR MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY.

*Sunset Baby*, directed by Marquita Levy and Ashia Benford, is an energized, witty, and vibrant look where personal and political collide. Written in 2012, *Sunset Baby* revolves around the reunion of a former Black revolutionary with his estranged daughter, Nina. At the center of this fraught and broken relationship are the now historically significant and valuable letters Nina’s mother wrote to her father while he was in jail. From one of the most exciting young voices in the American theatre, this dynamic play about fathers and daughters sears with wit and wisdom and the brutal politics of freedom.

Dominique Morriseau’s other works include, *Pipeline*, *Skeleton Crew*, *Ain’t Too Proud*, *Detroit 67*, and *Paradise Blue*. She is the recipient of the MacArthur Fellowship, the Jane Chambers Playwriting Award which recognizes plays created by women that present a feminist perspective and was nominated for a Tony Award for writing *Ain’t Too Proud* becoming the third Black woman to do so. Dominique Morriseau writes plays that carry pieces and shreds and glimpses of people who have raised her, who she loves and cares for fiercely. These pieces of real life, knit together with imagination and fierce love of these people—as well as a desire to carve a space for their stories on the American stage—have defined Morriseau’s writing thus far.

Francine Reynolds, the artistic director of New Stage Theatre says, “I am thrilled for several reasons about the Unframed production of *Sunset Baby*. Dominique Morriseau is currently one of the most exciting playwrights creating work for the stage and it is especially exciting that two Unframed acting alums, Marquita Levy and Ashia Benford, are co-directing this complex piece. In their hands, and with the cast and creative team they have assembled, *Sunset Baby* promises to be electrifying and powerful.”

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## The Cast

The cast of *Sunset Baby* includes Destin Benford (Kenyatta), RaKaela Thompson (Nina), and Tim Magee (Damon). Co-Directed by Marquita Levy and Ashia Benford, Levy says, “I hope you’re willing to take this journey with us though pain and heartache, which can sometimes be a bit uncomfortable but necessary. This play, complex and dynamic dives into the struggle of each character allowing the audience to be captivated by their stories.” Benford adds, “This play takes you on a roller-coaster of emotions from the beginning. Morriseau so beautifully weaves the past and the present creating a dynamic play that asks the question, “Is love a liability?” Levy and Benford are thankful to be working with such a talented cast who is not afraid to immerse themselves into this story.

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## Schedule & Ticket Information

### Where:

The Warehouse Theatre  
1000 Monroe Street  
Jackson, MS 39202

### Performance Dates and Times:

Open: February 24, 2023 at 7:30pm  
February 25, 2023 at 7:30pm  
February 26, 2023 at 2:00pm

### Tickets:

\$10 online at [www.newstagetheatre.com](http://www.newstagetheatre.com) before  
February 24th at 5:00pm or \$15 at the door (if tickets  
are available)

### Box Office:

Telephone: 601-948-3533  
Online: [www.newstagetheatre.com](http://www.newstagetheatre.com)  
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Hours: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Unframed Series

Created in 2006, The Unframed Series at New Stage Theatre provides a distinctive theatre experience to the community. The focus is on producing new works and contemporary drama as an alternative to the traditional New Stage subscription series. Unframed at New Stage provides artistic opportunities to emerging artists allowing them to get more experience working with a professional theatre company and on fresh, exciting material that’s not typically produced on the main stage. In the past the series has produced works such as *Race*, *The Pillowman*, *Stop Kiss*, *Smart People*, *Steal Away!*, and *The Laramie Project*. We are excited to start Season 14, after the pause during the pandemic, with a season full of intriguing new drama that is equally engaging and thought provoking.