



2023 Sponsorship Proposal and Electronic Press Kit

# **Sponsorship Proposal**



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# MESSAGE FROM THE VISIONARY + CREATOR, TSMS WYOMME PARISS



### DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE USA:

Every nine seconds, a woman is assaulted or beaten?

Every day three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends?

Approximately 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually?

#### DEAR POTENTIAL SPONSOR,

If you were not aware of these grim facts, you are not alone. Sadly, silence continues to be pervasive and even deadly, but together, we can break the silence and make a profound difference in the lives of victims, their families, and our entire community. We invite you to join us, as a corporate sponsor, in raising the level of awareness, resources, and community commitment to end the scourge of domestic violence.

Then Sings My Soul<sup>TM</sup> is a MOVEMENT. Based on the story by Wyomme Pariss and screenplay adaptation of the stage play with the same name, *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>TM</sup> the film tells the story of seven women on a journey of survival as their lives collide in ways they never expected, giving them new life as they rejoice in victory.

With powerful stories and music that touches the heart, *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>TM</sup> will move audiences to action and be the spark to ignite a movement with the mission of restoring hope and ending domestic violence in all of its forms. To serve our people and share the message of this movement and film, we've created new community engagement opportunities, providing spaces for healing through art, conversations, and action.

Then Sings My Soul<sup>™</sup> is pleased to have Sisters 4 Sisters Network, Inc (S4SN) as the fiduciary sponsor for our upcoming film project. S4SN is a 501c3 non-profit (EIN: 90-0532596). We're thankful for your taxdeductible donation.

-Wyomme Pariss

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**OUR WHY** 

In 2014, *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>™</sup> (TSMS) was inspired by an unscripted unrehearsed conversation with a circle of my close singing sister friends. The women were at dinner and began talking and sharing stories, personal viewpoints on domestic violence among women. Out of this heartfelt, sincere gathering came a vision from God to create a stage play, that lead to in-person programming and awareness events, that has now brought us to adapting the screenplay for a full-length feature film...and it all started from a stage play in DC at THEARC Theater.

#### **THE STAGE PLAY**

Wyomme created and successfully ran the 6year stage play *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>™</sup>. Wyomme would continue on to win **Sisters4Sisters Network, Inc. (S4SN) Woman of The Month Award** from the Domestic Violence Committee and the **UnStoppable You Speakers Award** for her work sharing domestic violence awareness through the arts. Recently, Wyomme was honored with the **2022 Community Stars Award** by Sisters4Sisters Network, Inc.

#### THE FILM

From the stage to big screen, the vision and the movement continue through film! Wyomme Pariss is beginning pre-production on, *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>™</sup>, the film. This is sure to be an inspiring story, telling the lives of seven women who overcome their struggles and unite their voices in <u>victory</u> against domestic violence! A much-needed story to be told, *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>™</sup>, the Film is projected to debut in 2023.

#### THE MOVEMENT

As a result of the positive reviews and community outcry for more awareness, Wyomme created the **Then Sings My Soul (TSMS) Youth Performing Arts and Education (YPAE) Program**, an innovative, comprehensive community based program that provides a positive impact on youth by teaching in the area of dance, drama, vocals, recording sessions, and audition preparation. To date, *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>™</sup>, the Movement, now encompassing an admin team, survivor interviews, awareness videos and more, provides an outlet for reaching hundreds and thousands of people by awareness through the arts.



**OUR STORY** 

*Then Sings My Soul*<sup>™</sup> brings the audience face-to-face with women and men who are in the fight of their lives around domestic violence. Their various trials and situations threaten to rob them of their freedom, their joy, and, ultimately, their souls. Once they come to understand that we all must play our part to put an end to the cycle of violence, their individual (and collective) healing can begin and their souls begin to sing.

#### Characters

**The Counselor:** holds group counseling with all of the women; unites the group in understanding and comes to her own enlightenment along the way

**Tanya:** bright, college-bound high school senior, her future plans are on hold as she stands on trial for the murder of her abusive step-father

**Grandmother:** elderly woman raising the young child of her only daughter, currently in a coma after a traumatic attempted murder by her abusive boyfriend, due to jealousy of her sexuality

**Attorney:** takes on a few of the women's cases and connects with the friend group overall, unveiling her own enlightenment and frustration dealing with the injustices of the judicial system

**Diva:** thriving and touring recording artist, contracts an STD from her fiancé, pausing her career, to start her personal healing journey

**Evelyn:** devoted wife to the closeted bi-sexual pastor of a mega church; suffers miscarriages and domestic violence by her husband's hand, fueled by his shame and pastoral pride

**Sheila:** mother of two and wife of Officer Tony; succumbs one night to the rage of husband's drunken binge and loses her life to domestic violence

**Officer Tony:** Sheila's husband and responding officer in Tanya's case; manipulates his power and influence as a police officer to cover up his tracks with Tanya and Sheila

In the final act of the stage play, the ladies rejoin in group therapy sharing their stories: Sheila's death shakes the group; the women rally around one another as Grandma's daughter awakens from the coma; the First Lady leaves her pastor husband, while Diva seeks treatment for her disease and moves forward confidently in life; Tanya receives a non-guilty verdict, throwing the group into celebration and hope. The group, celebrating their outcomes, begins dancing and singing an original composition, *"Then Sings My Soul." We* close with all hands triumphantly in the air, an act of praise, exaltation and victory.

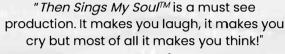
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# **REVIEWS (for stage play)**

"I was thrilled to attend and support the opening of *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>TM</sup>. The musical entertained as well as enlightened. *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>TM</sup> tells tremendous stories with an excellent cast. I'm sorry these stories have to be told, but as they do, this production and cast did an excellent job of doing so."

-Christine Angels, ALLSTATE



#### -Alex, Bowie, MD

"I really enjoyed the play. It gives you a good perspective in life and what people go through. I recommend everyone to go see it when it comes to your community. *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>TM</sup> is a must see, guarantee you're going to enjoy it!" **-Rodney Francisques, BB&T Bank** 

#### THEME

"I am a woman, I am a backbone, I am a mother, I am a wife, I'm a daughter, a sister, a lover, but still a strong woman."

#### -Wyomme Pariss



#### Watch Then Sings My Soul™

videos in our gallery. Click the icon for video clips, interviews and more stories from the movement.

#### -TSMS Team

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a native New Yorker currently residing in Washington, DC, is an entertainment producer, visionary, and creator of the original stage play *Then Sings My Soul*<sup>™</sup>, a musical emphasizing the message on domestic violence awareness, which premiered in Washington, DC, and toured the east coast landing in Brooklyn, New York.

As a professional singer, Wyomme had the opportunity to travel across the world singing with notable Stellar and Grammy award-winning artists. As an actress, Wyomme had the pleasure to work on film projects featuring Eddie Murphy, Kevin Spacey, and Vivica A. Fox. Living out her purpose, she's currently the producer of DC Black Broadway, a DC-based theater company, where she was director of their first dinner theater stage play, "Da Golden Girlz."

Wyomme is a co-host of "4SistersLIVE Talk Show," featured alongside cohosts Peggy, Linda, and Charlene. 4SistersLIVE is a platform that speaks on a myriad of important community-related issues with professional guests to discuss topics such as Domestic Violence, Health and Wealth, Finances. Education and Mentoring, Entrepreneurship, Entertainment, Politics, and Youth. Wyomme is co-author of the recently released book "The Power of Sisterhood" and a Contributing Writer of "As My Leaders Go, So Do I."

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Wyomme is active in her community, volunteering with outreach organizations that help families in the Washington, DC area. She is a proud mother of her son, Reggie "Regg" Johnson, an accomplished musician in Los Angeles.

Wyomme Pariss is actively involved with several organizations:

Sisters4Sisters Network, Inc. (Maryland)

Founder of SistasHelpingSistas

DC Black Broadway Group (Washington, DC)

Certified Trainer with UnGUN Institute (Missouri)

Financial Training Instructor with Transportation Diversity Council (TDC) Organization (New York City)



# and YOU!

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