

Amina -The Storytelling Guru

Remember when yuh grandmadda use to tell you stories? Well Amina Blackwood Meeks not dat old, but she gets the chat-Bout seal of approval ...she is that good.

WHO SHE BE? Currently Jamaica's pre-eminent storyteller, who mesmerizes adults and children alike as she dramatically weaves wonderful stories

WHEY SHE COME FROM? Jamaican-born, Caribbean National, Bonafide Citizen of the World.

WHEY SHE DO? Writer, director, performer, award-winning actress, and custodian of the oral tradition. Founder of Ntukuma, The Storytelling Foundation of Jamaica Founder of LikkleStoryFest, Annual Children's Storytelling Festival in Jamaica Motivational Speaker, Workshop Facilitator WHEY DEM SEY BOUT HAR? §Honorary Ambassador of the Jamaican Language, University of Birmingham, England “The complete Caribbean Teller …” Cayman National Cultural Foundation “A special and rare talent…” Ermina Osoba, Resident Tutor, UWI School of Continuing Studies, Antigua “One of the most dynamic and charismatic proponents of storytelling…” Caribbean Week Amina has been instrumental in the renaissance of the art form of traditional Caribbean storytelling.

DEN HOW SHE SOUN ? Amina's stories are: Funny but never light Energising About revelation, reclamation and redemption Amina's telling is: Unique and exciting§ Always passionate “An outrageous combination of glitz and education of entertainment and thoughtfulness…” Ken Corsbie.

Amina's voice is: Slow and deliberate§ Deep and rich “A voice that must be heard”. Tim Hector “Her performances are outstanding for her smooth delivery, excellent timing and understated use of body language.” Kevin Baldeosingh

“Her telling brings the meaning of the stories from the heads of the ancestors to the mouths and pages of contemporary writers, showing how stories were used to pass on traditions, teach morals and preserve culture”. WISPA/WILDESHE

GLOBALISE AN HAVE GLOBAL EYES? Amina has performed for audiences in: The Caribbean The United Kingdom The United States of America Canada.

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