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Nights Alone, an electrifying two-character play by Valerie Harris, opened in the Karamu Arena Theatre January 21 and continues through February 8. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and

7 p.m. Sunday.

Nights Alone, a highly theatrical study of alienation and insanity, is a powerful story which probes the question of what happens to the social misfits of our society. **Nights Alone** revolves

around Katherine, "The Cat Woman" an embittered spinster who obsessively re-enacts fact and fantasy from her past, as she passionately re-examines the twists of fate which have left her a mad, ugly and lonely

old woman.

Applauded by drama critics as "fascinating, gripping, touching and dramatic," this highly theatrical work, received its world premiere at Eldred Hall under Ken Albers' direction, and received the Mark A. Klein Playwrighting Award for Outstanding Achievement in Playwrighting.

Playing the part of Katherine, a woman gone mad from a lifetime of dreams, frustration and misery is Alexandra Sharpe, a trainee in the newly installed Karamu professional training unit.

Ms. Sharpe, a former Karamu p.r. employee, seen on television and heard on numerous radio commercials, has appeared in *Black Nativity*, *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf*, *On Toby Time*, *The Black Egg* and *Bones* last year.

Ms. Sharpe, a magna cum laude graduate of Howard University's journalism department, has appeared in musicals and was a popular radio announcer at WHUR-FM.

Playing opposite her in the part of Piggy, her drunken roommate, and several characters from her past, is Kenneth Daugherty, who will be remembered for his lead role in *On Toby Time* last season.

Daugherty, who is also directing this piece, made his Karamu directorial debut with the highly successful Broadway hit *For Colored Girls ...* last season. He has since assisted directed *Don't Rock The Boat*, *The Confession Stone*, *On Toby Time* and *Bones*.

Daugherty comes to Cleveland from Phoenix, Arizona, where he served as Artistic Director of a theatre troupe in Phoenix, Arizona and from

Washington, D.C.; where he served as Artistic Director of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

Chorus members whose voices will be heard throughout the play include Sandra Bass, Angela Gillespie, Sylvester Turner and Jeffrey Wyatt.

Individual, group and student tickets for this very theatrical work are on sale now. For reservations and pick-up call the Karamu House Box Office at 795-7070.



ALEXANDRA SHARPE plays the part of "Cat Woman" a disturbed and embittered recluse in the electrifying drama "Nights Alone" by Valerie Harris presented in the Karamu Arena Theatre through February 8. Playing opposite her in this challenging work which requires multi-characterizations, is Kenneth Daugherty. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday. There will be one matinee performance, Sunday, January 25. For tickets call Karamu House Box Office at 795-7070.