

Elite Broadway Actress to Headline Allen University's Annual UNCF Gala

Mrs. Bonita Hamilton is coming to Allen University UNCF Gala on February 9th, 2024

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Broadway actress and singer [Bonita Hamilton](#) -Caesar will headline Allen University's 18th Annual UNCF "A Mind Is..." [Scholarship Gala & Richard Allen Awards](#) on Friday, February 9, 2024, at the Cantey Building on the State Fairgrounds. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by a formal program at 7:00 p.m.



Mrs. Bonita Hamilton

Hamilton is a highly decorated actress, singer, voice-over artist, and speaker. Her 18-year tenure on Broadway includes her role as Shenzi, the hyena in the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *The Lion King*, as well as pre-Broadway workshops for *The Color Purple*, *The Legend of Stagecoach Mary*, and *Mandela the Musical*. Recognized as a leader among her peers, she has also been commissioned to speak at the Annual Women's Day on Broadway, has served as a mentor for Vanguard Theaters Broadway Buddies, and has taught Masterclasses in voice and theater at Duke University, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and Alabama State University.

A master storyteller, Hamilton brings words to life in her voice-over performances. Recent roles include ESPN's NBA Countdown & Heisman Trophy ceremony; Marvel's *Wolverine* Podcast; commercials for Walmart, Marzetti, and Novartis; the Academy Award-nominated film, *Can You Ever Forgive Me*, *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, *Judas and the Black Messiah*, *Respect: The Aretha Franklin Movie*, *Till*, *Beauty, Rustin*, *The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey*, FX's *Archer*, and the animated series *Through the Woods*.

No stranger to success, Hamilton has performed solo as a vocalist on *Good Morning America*

and at NBA games. Her body of work also includes a recurring role in HBO's *The Knick*, NBC's *Manifest*, the award-winning short film *The Announcement*, a commercial for Trelegy, and high-profile speaking roles for Disney Musicals in Schools and Alabama State University's Founders Day Convocation.

Hamilton obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alabama State University and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Theater from Brandeis University. She was selected as one of Alabama State University's 50 Under 50 distinguished alumni. She is a certified teacher and practitioner of the Being Acting Technique and serves as a mentor to theater students at her alma mater, Alabama State, and high school students in her community.

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