



# New York Beacon host matinee performance of *Sistas: The Musical*

On Sunday, December 4, 2011, the *New York Beacon* hosted a matinee performance for *Sistas: The Musical* playing Off Broadway at the St. Lukes Theatre for 60 people. *Sistas: the Musical*, the story of African American women through Top-40 music, is produced by 3-time Tony winner **Hinton Battle**, written by **Dorothy Marcic** (writer of "RESPECT: The Musical," which has played in 20 cities), and directed by **Kenneth Ferrone**. The play stars **Tracey Conyer Lee**, **Lexi Rhoades**, **April Nixon**, **Jennifer Fouché**, and **Amy Goldberger**. After a smashing performance, Battle was joined by Marcic onstage to thank the audience for attending this special performance and for their support, and to thank and acknowledge the staff of the *New York Beacon* including the papers co-publisher **Miatta Haj Smith**. The overwhelming consensus was that everyone loved the play and could not wait to get their buzz on. Some were even so carried away that they just couldn't wait to spread the news and tweeted during the 90-minute production sans intermission. If you would like to host your own theater party for a performance of this magnificent production, call the play's press representative, **Sam Mattingly**, SM Communications, at 917-331-9375, who was very instrumental in the NYB hosting this glorious performance. Following the performance, some of the guests continued their favorable comments over drinks at the famous **B. Smith's** restaurant just up the street from the theatre. (Photos by **Ronnie Wright**)



*Sistas: The Musical* Cast



Hinton Battle and Dorothy Marcic are joined by the videographer onstage to thank the *New York Beacon*



Miatta Haj Smith, Hinton Battle



Jeanne Parnell, Leslie Burns, Audrey J. Bernard, Sandy Tate



Miatta Haj Smith, Nikki Carlo Kemp, Vasiya Capparo, Jephthahlyn Lawson



Leslie Burns, mother Geri McKee



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