

**Straight to Audience Productions and
Passion Place and Purpose
presents Angie Le Mar's
*Take Me Back – 2018 tour***

Written and directed by Angie Le Mar

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Written and directed by acclaimed multi-award winning comedienne ANGIE LE MAR, the hit gospel musical production, *Take Me Back*, is embarking on a national tour, after its sell out success earlier this year, which kicks off during Black History Month.

"A nostalgic, enticing, masterpiece of a play"

Take Me Back, tells the story of two young girls, Patricia and Andrea, whose friendship was forged whilst attending church with their mothers. Their life experiences led them down different, separate and painful paths, only for them to return to the church and faith of their childhood. When their friendship came to an end, life took over, dreams were broken and heartaches grew, many questions asked! A journey through, love, laughter and tears, who will ever understand the power of forgiveness? Shining a rare spotlight on life within black community churches, this is a 'must see', emotional roller coaster of a show that gives insight into experiences that often go unspoken or are kept hidden from public glare.

"Heart-warming and uplifting"

Ronke Lawal, Afridiziak Theatre News

Angie Le Mar, said: "A lot of people might think 'oh it's a church play, it's not for me' or they don't believe in God - this play is about real life, the Windrush generation, their families, friendship and mother and daughter relationships. There are things within the black community that we don't like to discuss that this play touches on. Although, the church is the backdrop, *Take Me Back*, deals with subject matters that we don't get to talk about and it's time our community started to talk about them and stop worrying about where it's situated or be put off by that. I have written many plays (*Forty*, *The Brothers*, *Daughters*) focusing on stories that people know and recognise and I even though I grew up in the church, this isn't just about the church. It's about the black community, a generation that didn't get to look at forgiveness. We don't talk about forgiveness in our community enough and we don't talk about restoration and coming together and healing and moving forward. This play is more than just about 'going to church'.

The songs, comedy, and the spellbinding performances will get you up on your feet, rejoicing!

The cast includes Comedian Patrick Medley aka Pastor ShackleFoot.

LISTINGS INFORMATION

LUTON - 5 Oct 2018, 7.30pm

Luton Library Theatre, Luton Centre Library, St Georges Square, LU1 2NG | Box office: 01582 878 100 | Book tickets: <https://www.lutonculture.com/luton-library-theatre/>

BIRMINGHAM – 7 Oct 2018, 7.30pm

Crescent Theatre, 20 Sheepcote Street, Brindley Place, Birmingham, B16 8AE | Box office: 0121 643 5858 | Book tickets: <https://www.crescent-theatre.co.uk/theatre-event/?EventID=127531>

SHEFFIELD - 3 to 4 Nov 2018, 7.30pm

Sheffield Central Library Theatre, Central Library, Tudor Square, S1 1XZ | Book tickets: <http://shefflibraries.blogspot.com/p/about-sheffield-libraries-archives.html>

LONDON - 4 to 15 Dec 2018, 7.30pm

Stockwell Playhouse, 208 Wandsworth Road London SW8 2JU | Box office: 020 7622 9208 | Book tickets: <http://www.stockwellph.com/upcoming-shows/2018/12/4/take-me-back>

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Notes to editor

- Running time: 2 hours, 15 minutes
- **Take Me Back** is comprised of an unknown cast found via workshops conducted by Angie Le Mar
- **Angie Le Mar** (writer and director), is a multi-award winning comedienne, author and playwright, best known for her hit plays, *The Brothers* (featuring Richard Blackwood from BBC Eastenders and Charles Venn from BBC1 *Casualty*); *Funny Black Women on the Edge* (with Chizzy Akudolu from *BBC Holby City* and *Strictly Come Dancing*), *Forty* and *Do you Know Where Your Daughter is?*
- **Angie Le Mar** is seen as a British comedy legend. She is the first black woman to experience success as a comedienne here in the UK and is a successful playwright, director, producer.
- **The trailer for Take Me Back:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVtX6ES7VC4&feature=youtu.be>
- **Angie Le Mar's** autobiography *Full Circle* was released in March 2017.