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Cocoa Brown

When Actress and Comedienne COCOA Brown, a Screen Actors Guild Award nominee, takes the stage, the world stands still.

Brown is undeniably one of the most talented comics and performers of this generation. The Newport News, Virginia native, born Farah Brown, assails her craft with such passion and soul-searching veracity, when she claims a stage the ensuing act is nothing short of a force of nature. Cocoa Brown audaciously draws from painful reminiscences and hard-knocked lessons, bravely weaving humorous tales that uplift, upend, and upgrade everything you thought you knew about comedy. What drives the comic who female fans nationwide have nicknamed the "The Truth?" The sheer will of a woman who survived the worst life had to offer and is still standing.

The fiery performer, whose credits include Tyler Perry's critically acclaimed comedy series "For Better Or Worse" and a national commercial spot for Progressive Insurance Company, latest project is the 9 time Emmy winning "American Crime Story: People v. OJ Simpson" on the FX Network, co-starring as Janette Harding AKA "Queen B" one of the most vocal jurors on the OJ Simpson trial, alongside such luminaries as Cuba Gooding, Jr., John Travolta and Courtney B. Vance among others, has assembled an extensive body of work. A career that began as an advertising associate for Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Circus and a writer for various sketch comedy shows proved confining for the dynamic performer. She honed her writing and creativity to pursue her dream of being a stand-up comic. A decade later, Brown had nearly mastered the art of comedy.

Today, she exemplifies mind-blowing humor, daring drama and contemporary reality wrapped in a boundlessly energetic package. Whether she is performing in honor of the incomparable Richard Pryor or acting in films such as, Tyler Perry's "Single Mom's Club," where fans and critics applauded her authentic portrayal of single mom, "Lydia." Cocoa also received critical acclaim from the NY Times and the LA Times for her hilarious performance alongside Mark Wahlburg, Seth MacFarland, Morgan Freeman and Amanda Seyfried in the 2015 hit movie "Ted 2", the sequel to



the box office smash "Ted". With the nomination for a Screen Actors' Guild award under her belt, Brown has her sights set on an Oscar, an Emmy and a Pulitzer Prize. She is writing a revealing autobiography and producing her highly anticipated one-woman show, "Confessions of a Suicidal Diva," as well as running her non-profit Wigs of Love Inc.

The lovable, down-to-earth celebrity and proud mom keeps TV audiences tuning in every week for an intoxicating dose of Cocoa infused humor. She also captivates audiences worldwide at renowned comedy venues. Her creative writing and meticulously produced sets coupled with the ever-changing hairstyles and gutsy sense of fashion ignites rousing, protracted standing ovations. Yet, amid such explosive success, Brown admits she desires very little. "I want audiences to connect with my story and in the course of that journey find their own. That is my inspiration, my peace. I am in a good place now. I am finally learning how to love myself and I am comfortable in my own skin. Most importantly, I am not afraid to use my voice."

That is certainly a good thing. That beautiful, husky, unapologetic and very funny voice will no doubt, change the world.

Read more: <http://www.oprah.com/app/for-better-or-worse.html#ixzz4QOr7vKsR>

