## TERRI J. VAUGHN

Actor, Producer, Director

Terri J. Vaughn is a beloved actress who gained recognition for her role as Lovita Alizay Jenkins on The Steve Harvey Show. Her comical portrayal of the lovable character stole America's heart during the show's six successful seasons. Early in Vaughn's acting career she made two very memorable appearances in the cult-classic films **Friday** and the Wayan brother's **Don't Be A Menace to South Central While Drinking Your Juice In The Hood.** Vaughn's acting career continued to flourish with notable roles on Will Smith's executive-produced sitcom **All of Us**, Showtime's hit drama **Soul Food**, and Tyler Perry's **Meet The Browns**. Currently, she can be seen on Ava DuVernay's **Cherish The Day**, Paramount's **First Wives Club**, and BounceTV's **Johnson**. Vaughn's multi-guest appearance on HBO's **Insecure** led to the spin-off of her character Rose Cranberry and her fictional investigative show, **Looking For LaToya**, into a scripted podcast series, **We Stay Looking**, produced by Raedio and TenderfootTV. The show garnered three **Webby Awards**. Vaughn has also been honored with three **NAACP Image Awards** for her work on The Steve Harvey Show.

Vaughn has had an impressive career as a director, with a diverse range of independent and studio projects under her belt. Vaughn directed Unthinkably Good Things, filmed in Rome, Italy, which served as the launch for Crown Media's Hallmark Mahogany brand in 2022. The movie garnered the network its first ever Gracie Award. Vaughn directed the talents of Michael Beach and Loretta Devine in two episodes of the highly acclaimed Kingdom Business for Paramount, and an episode of Disney's multi-cam kids' show Bunk'd. Vaughn made a significant contribution to BET's TALES, directing their first comedic episode. She has also directed several Viacom movies, including the romantic comedy Angrily Ever After, the family classic 'Twas The Chaos Before Christmas starring Sherri Shepherd and Cynthia McWilliams, and the hilarious female buddy flick Christmas Belles featuring Janet Hubert and John Amos. Vaughn made her directing debut in 2015 with the independent comedy #DigitalLivesMatter, which she also produced. The film, reminiscent of the very popular movie Friday, starred social media comedic influencers DC Young Fly, Emmanuel Hudson, and B.Simone. Vaughn's latest completed project is the hysterical and heartwarming So Fly Christmas, starring Tichina Arnold and Tami Roman as podcast hosts and best friends.

As a producer, Vaughn has produced over 16 projects under her independent production company, **Nina Holiday Entertainment**, with her producing partner Cas Sigers-Beedles.

Out of her desire to give back to her community, Vaughn founded *Take Wings Foundation* (1997), in the San Francisco Bay Area to mentor young women growing up in at risk communities. Vaughn's passion is to uplift and motivate young women to believe in themselves.

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