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**AWARD WINNING HUMAN RIGHTS PLAY, *ASYLUM*, MAKES ITS PHILADELPHIA DEBUT!**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** May 8—Cheril N. Clarke’s award-winning play, *Asylum*, will make its debut at The Stagecrafters Theater July 24-26. *Asylum* is a poignant tale based on the true story of a lesbian who fled Uganda to escape an honor killing by her father. A vivid recount complete with friendship, love, fear and terror, *Asylum* is not just a stage play; it is a plea for the world’s attention.

Clarke is a novelist, playwright, and producer, who was recently appointed a Young Ambassador for the Philadelphia region of The Dramatists Guild, the professional organization for America’s playwrights. Her previous works have been well-received on stages in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Puerto Rico, where one was nominated for Best Play at the 6<sup>th</sup> Festival Del Tercer Amor. A Florida native, now living in Sicklerville, New Jersey, Clarke, 34, splits her time between writing plays, professional photography and managing, along with her wife, Monica Bey-Clarke, a company that publishes and retails products for children of LGBT parents.

Local theatre titan and director, Kash Goins—who has directed and/or produced numerous hit plays in the region is at the helm of *Asylum*’s Philly premier.

“I’m extremely excited to see what Kash’s vision and the incredible talent of Philly actors are going to bring to the show. Most of the cast is from the NYC world premier and happen to be from Philly, so they are bringing the play home. We all deeply believe that this story needs to be told.”

Clarke is passionate about bringing to life the stories of black lesbians; a segment she believes is often left out of the mainstream when it comes to realistic portrayals and genuine life experience.

*Asylum* will run for three days at The Stagecrafters Theater, Fri., July 24 and Sat., July 25 at 8:00PM, and Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 2:00PM. The theater is located at 8130 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19118. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.asylumtheplay.com](http://www.asylumtheplay.com). Tickets are \$20.00 in advance.

Coverage is invited.

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