
'Coming To America'-An Incisive Account

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Coming to America-Transformations is a composite of nine women from nine different countries, some with the dream of coming to the U.S. for freedom and opportunity. Some find themselves

already here, having life and liberty but in an enigmatic struggle toward the pursuit of happiness. Each character is complex, articulate, and dauntlessly portrayed by writer/performer Stephanie Satie. She is a multi-talented performer who seems to live for the message

of the stage. Satie starred in the Drama Logue award winning *Fathers and Sons*. As writer and performer she won world wide critical acclaim for her solo play, *Refugees*, inspired by gripping real life accounts. *Coming to America* is directed by Anita Khanzandian.

Khanzandian, like Satie, seems to have a keen sense for the hunger of a woman's soul. The play's nine characters are from all over the world but their deepest desire is not bound by continents. Their quest is part of every human beings universal longing to break out of some sort of repression, political or otherwise. Satie portrays each of them definitively and without apologies. *Coming to America - Transformations* is an aptly suited title as these women have not only been changed by events in their native country but also by the indelible impression left on them by America. Thanks to Stephanie Satie's acute observations her stories will fortunately leave an impression that could not only be gained by just watching CNN.

Coming To America-Transformations opens at The Fremont Centre Theatre on Sunday, Oct. 7th and plays Sundays at 7:30 p.m. through Nov. 11th. A Q-and-A



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Stephanie Satie in the Fremont Centre Theatre World Premiere of 'Coming To America - Transformations.'

will follow each performance. The Fremont Centre Theatre is located in South Pasadena at 1000 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, CA 91030. Tickets are \$25.00 (students and seniors &20.00). RESERVATIONS at (866) 811-4111 or www.theatermania.com. For additional information, call (626) 441-5977.

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