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THE Z PRESENTS *MISS. UNDERSTOOD*
**An original and timely staged reading from Emerging Artist,
Meredith Noel, debuting this April.**

Virginia Beach - Zeiders American Dream Theater (The Z) in Town Center under the leadership of Artistic Director Bart Kuebler and Executive Director Terry Flint, is pleased to present the world premiere musical staged reading, ***Miss. Understood***.

A group of womanist theory students find literature and reality intersecting in the classroom as they wait for their professor to arrive. They begin analyzing text without their instructor present but quickly turn their focus on each other as they wrestle with questions of place, space, and authenticity. Full of comedy, introspection, wit, sarcasm, and self-examination, this one-act dramedy takes the gloves off and pulls no punches. ***Miss. Understood*** begins **April 6** through **April 8, 2018** with performances **Friday and Saturday at 8pm, and Sunday at 2pm.**

“I wanted to make an intimate and private space that Black women share often only amongst each other and invite people who normally are not apart of that place to come in and be apart of it. I liken it to inviting complete strangers into your bedroom and peeling back the covers. For people to see that even amongst this group, which in this instance is Black women, that we are all uniquely different, with varied experiences and opinions.” explains playwright, Meredith Noel. This will be a Studio Reading; the actors will have script in hand, there will be some scenic elements and projections, minimal costumes, and theatrical lighting.

Meredith Noel (Playwright) is an alumna of Norfolk State University where she majored in English and Theatre Performance. She is originally from Baltimore, Maryland. She has previously appeared in the Virginia Stage Company productions of *The Hampton Years*, *Oliver Twist*, *The Wiz*, *The Parchman Hour* and *A Christmas Carol* and the Norfolk State University Theatre Company productions of *Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar & Grill*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, *Dreamgirls*, *Black Nativity*, *A Musical Tribute to Whitney Houston*, *For Colored Girl* and *Ruined*. She is currently a Resident Theatre Artist at Virginia Stage Company and Zeiders American Dream Theater’s 2017-2018 Emerging Artist. She is the recipient of the NSU Theatre Company 2015 Best Supporting Actress in a Play and 2016 Best Supporting Actress in a Musical awards.

Miss. Understood runs April 6-8, 2018 at 8:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$23 at the door or online at AmericanDreamTheater.org

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ABOUT ZEIDERS AMERICAN DREAM THEATER

Zeiders American Dream Theater, known as The Z, is a professional, non-profit performing arts company whose mission is to provide a wide range of highly entertaining artistic experiences to the community by fostering and introducing new works and exceptionally gifted artists in all areas of the performing arts. The Z is a community hub for celebrating creative growth and entertainment. With intimate performance spaces and unique programming that generates an exciting connection between the performer and the audience, The Z inspires audiences and performers to tap into their own creative spark, unleash their dreams, and achieve their full potential. AmericanDreamTheater.org

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