

Mo’Nique at the Orpheum Theatre

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When it all began for Mo’Nique Imes-Jackson, things weren’t always a laughing matter. Coming from a troubling start after suffering abuse at the hands of her very own brother, the actress got tough and found a way to outsmart her circumstances.

Through the craft and tool of joke telling, intelligence and a natural charisma, Mo’Nique superseded her prior conditions by claiming her right to offer everyone she touched a permanent smile. With each of her career endeavors, she has seen a multitude of success and fortune that naturally place second when you compare them to the richness in her spirit.

The comedian, whose claim to fame started on the UPN television series “The Parkers” and also an author of the bestselling book *Skinny Women are Evil*, has hosted a Beauty Pageant on the Oxygen Network for Plus Size women called “F.A.T. Chance” and is now the host of her own BET talk show called “The Mo’Nique Show.” Aside from that, she also has many films under her belt that illustrate her talent and her progression through the arts.

For someone who was once thought of by a few biased critics as just another a “ghetto comic,” for her roles in films like *B.A.P.S*, *Phat Girlz*, *Hair Show* and *Soul Plane*, she’s proved that true talent cannot be confined to a box or subjected to any one label.

Her Oscar-winning portrayal of Mary Lee Johnston in the movie *Precious*, proved to everyone, that rather than living up to others expectations of her film roles, she’ll continue to be the Galileo behind her own quest through the stars.

Bringing it back to square one, and revisiting a natural ability to furnish a laugh, Mo’Nique and friends, Rodney Perry, Tone-X and DJ Ant, have hit the road on a new comedy tour that is sure to bring love, laughter, and plenty of welcome surprises. Presented by Hennepin Theater Trust, Mo’Nique’s “Spread the Love Tour,” arrives in Minneapolis at the State Theater on May 14th.

Tickets range from \$39.50 to \$65, and will definitely be a show you won’t want to miss, from a star that exudes the essence of a kept promise. Prepare to be entertained.

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