

Wambui Bahati - Introduction

"I Am Domestic Violence" - This Intro comes after the performance.

Wambui Bahati is an entertainer, author, speaker and holistic mental health and 'empowerment over domestic violence' advocate.

She began her formal theatrical studies at New York University School of the Arts and made her professional theatrical debut in *Godspell* at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. Her professional theater credits are extensive.

Wambui wrote, produced and stars in the one-woman musical *Balancing Act* (a musical that deals with mental illness) and the presentation we have just seen, *I Am Domestic Violence*. Both of these award-winning presentations have received national acclaim for the unique way that they provide outstanding entertainment while dealing with important issues in our communities.

She shares a powerful, personal and important story about mental illness, self-esteem, self-love and courage in her tell-all autobiography, *You Don't Know Crazy – My Life Before, During, After, Above and Beyond Mental Illness*.

Wambui was born and raised in the segregated south during the 1950s and 1960s. Named John Ann Washington at birth, Wambui Bahati is the name taken on during the "reinvention of herself." In Swahili Wambui means "singer of songs," Bahati means, "my fortune is good." This native North Carolinian lives in New York City and is the proud mother of two adult daughters.

Her passion is reminding *YOU* of *YOUR* magnificence.