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# THINKING FORWARD LECTURE SERIES 2019 STRAIGHT TALK, REAL PEOPLE

**A DIALOG ABOUT GROWING UP ON THE EAST END,  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MENTORING**

**WITH CHARNELE BROWN**

*MODERATED BY LYNN SHERR*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 3PM**

**JOHN DREW THEATER, GUILD HALL  
158 MAIN STREET, EAST HAMPTON**



**Charnele Brown** is a home grown native of East Hampton. Best known for her portrayal of Kim Reese, the pre-med student on the hit NBC sitcom *A DIFFERENT WORLD*. She was also one of the first African Americans in the hit Broadway musical *SARAFINA*, which was nominated for a Tony Award. She's done numerous off-Broadway plays, as well as cabaret in NYC and toured with the musical *HEAVEN'S CHILD*, *The Emmet Till Story*, with Regina Bell. Charnele's film credits include: *SPIKE LEE'S DROP SQUAD*, *THE KANGEROO* and *TENDRILS*, which won 9 indie awards. She has appeared on numerous hit sitcoms: *GIRLFRIENDS*, *MY WIFE AND KIDS*, *LIVING SINGLE*, *OLIVER BEENE*, *MARTIN*. She has spearheaded an acting workshop at THE CHALLENGER MEMORIAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY: offering young adults an opportunity to develop skills and possibly another way out of the life of gangs. Charnele assisted in creating an acting workshop at A PLACE CALLED HOME.

THE CHARNELE BROWN ACTING ACADEMY was established a few years ago. She implemented her program successfully, working with The Work Source and Jack Yates High School in Houston, Texas. A high-risk area, where she teamed up with "Theatre Under the Stars", taught classes and had the opportunity to work with the children's division, starring in the musical "Snoopy." She gathered a list of talented actors, which came through her Academy, for a musical she wrote, produced, directed and starred in entitled *WHY BREAKDOWN WHEN YOU CAN BREATHTHROUGH*. The play explored African American women and AIDS. Charnele has been working on her clothing line called THE CHARNELE BROWN COLLECTION. The line is for everyday women with God given curves, who want to feel and look good without paying a fortune. Ms. Brown has a production company called TRI-WEN PRODUCTIONS which specializes in television, film and theatre productions. Tri-Wen's first projects will be a feature film called "The Coffee Pot," and a pilot called "Mercy Me," which will film in Houston where she currently resides. She also wrote, directed and starred in the hit gospel stage play "Love and Fire" and completed a play called "No Soldier Left Behind," performed in San Antonio.

**LYNN SHERR** is an American broadcast journalist and author, best known as a correspondent for the ABC news magazine 20/20 and a long-time journalist for ABC. Lynn is a long time East End resident.

**All lectures are free.**

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