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## Platanos & Collard Greens' creator launches new play

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"Auction Block to Hip Hop" is the latest work by David Lamb, the creator of "Platanos & Collard Greens."

In this production Lamb takes the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and puts a total hip hop spin on it. Scrooge is now a character called "Set 4 Life," who makes his money off of

creating hip-hop rap acts using women of color and casting them in demeaning roles.

Since the character is different, so are the three spirits. These spirits show Black history and the great roots that we all come from. "Auction Block" is a version of "A Christmas Carol" you couldn't possibly imagine.

It has funny scenes and

moments that can make one reflect on what we have been through as a people, demonstrating why we need to show respect for our women of color instead of depicting them in rap as scantily clad, easy girls.

This play only resembles "A Christmas Carol" on the outside, but within the script is a more powerful message. It's not just about "Set 4 Life"

changing his life for his own good, but also for the benefit of his people.

The play flows well and comes together as a quaint package. It has a different feel to it than "Platanos & Collard Greens," but still works well. This isn't surprising because this work has the benefit of the same creative team, Lamb and director Summer Hill Seven.

I am not writing a long or detailed review because this is a show you should experience first-hand.

The show is playing at the

same venue as "Platanos & Collard Greens," the Florence Guild Hall, located on E. 59th Street. This show is something that teens and older should see.

It lets them know very clearly that the image in which some of hip hop music portrays women of color, particularly Black women, is something that should not be accepted and needs to be changed. Our Black women should receive the utmost respect.

For ticket information call Ticketmaster at 212-307-4100.