



## Nikki Renée Daniels

“Daniels sings like an angel and easily persuades she could be anyone’s soulmate.”  
- Bob Verini, *Variety*

“Nikki Renee Daniels is poised and fragile as the tragic Clara and her ‘Summertime’ opens the show with a lithe power that softly dazzles  
- Rex Reed, *The New York Observer*

“...the opera is all there in spirit. Starting with Nikki Renée Daniels’ exquisite opening rendition of ‘Summertime,’ the Paulus-Parks Porgy is a streamlined, intimate, musically ravishing show.”  
- Richard Zoglin, *Time Magazine*

Nikki Renée Daniels is currently starring on Broadway as NABULUNGI in the Book of Momon. She recently starred in the 2012 Tony Award Winning Broadway Revival of *The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess* as Clara. She has also been seen on Broadway as Fantine in **Les Misérables**, Hope Harcourt in **Anything Goes**, Nehebka in Tim Rice and Elton John's **Aida**, Renata in **Nine**, Crystal in the revival of **Little Shop of Horrors**, Eleni in Bernie Taupin and Elton John's **Lestat**, and Woman #3 in the Roundabout's production of Burt Bacharach's **The Look of**

Love.

Nikki has also toured nationally as the Aida Standby in **Aida**, and as Crystal in **Little Shop of Horrors**. She made her New York City Opera debut in 2002 as Clara in **Porgy and Bess**. Regionally, she created the role of Ray Charles' wife Della B in **Ray Charles Live!** at the Pasadena Playhouse. She has also been seen as Belle in **Beauty and the Beast** at North Shore Music Theatre and at Sacramento Music Circus; Hope Harcourt in **Anything Goes** at Williamstown Theatre Festival under the direction of Roger Rees; Sarah in the first regional production of **Ragtime** at North Shore Music Theatre; Aida in **Aida** at ArtPark and Celia Vane in **Dorian** at the Denver Center. She reprised the role of Fantine in **Les Misérables** at Atlanta's Theatre of the Stars, Kansas City Starlight, and at Wolf Trap. On television, Nikki has appeared as a featured player on *Chappelle's Show* on Comedy Central and in PBS's Great Performances presentation of **South Pacific** starring Brian Stokes Mitchell and Reba McEntyre at Carnegie Hall. She played a nurse in the film "The Other Woman".

Nikki has performed as a soloist with the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Pops, the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, the New York Pops, the Naples Philharmonic and at Jason Robert Brown's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Concert of *Songs for a New World* at Symphony Space. She made her Carnegie Hall solo debut in 2007 with Brian Stokes Mitchell, Reba McEntyre, Phylicia Rashad and Heather Headley.

She holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music. Nikki recently released her debut solo CD, "Home". It is available on iTunes and CDBaby.com. Nikki is excited to be performing tonight with her real life Broadway Romance, her husband Jeff Kready. This performance is dedicated to their new baby daughter, Lena. For more information, please visit [nikkireneedaniels.com](http://nikkireneedaniels.com).