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Rain Pryor in Rochester

'Fried Chicken & Latkes'

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Rochester's Diversity 2004 Conference got its message across with a very special performer: Rain Pryor.

Actress, singer, comedienne Rain Pryor grew up in two very different worlds--one with her glamorous but absent father, Richard Pryor.

"It's funny, people ask 'What was it like to grow up with Richard Pryor?'," she says during a pre-performance interview. "It was like Bill Cosby and Ozzie Osbourn on a good day," she laughs.

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Her other--much more stable--world was provided by her Jewish mother.

"I make the best brisket," she laughs.

But it wasn't always so funny.

"It was just, like...so where do I fit in? I'm not black enough to be black; I'm not white enough to be white," she explains.

A working actor all her life, Rain made her 1989 television debut in the ABC series, "Head of the Class". Now 35 years old, Rain has been getting rave reviews with her one-woman show, "Fried Chicken & Latkes".

"I remember my dad telling me that if I'm going to write, I should write what the truth is, and write what I know first and then expand from there," explains Rain. "And that's how the show started out."



Her Rochester engagement is the first time she'll perform at a diversity conference, though. "When I was asked to do it, I thought, 'How appropriate,'" she says. "My show really is about diversity!"

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