

Tanikia "Nikki" Carpenter Born on the South side of Chicago, Tanikia "Nikki" Carpenter is a playwright and actor. She is the founder of Good Content Productions which aims to preserve sacred stories through theatre and essays. Nikki received her B.F.A. in Media Studies from North Park University with a minor in Africana Studies. She is the creator of Black Theatre Chicago, which highlights Black theatre, actors and productions in the Chi. In 2024, she was chosen as a researcher/writer for the August Wilson Society's upcoming book "Centering & Celebrating Wilsonian Warriors". In 2025 she received the DCASE "Playwright In Residency" grant from the city of Chicago. That same year, Goodman Theatre workshopped her play as a part of their '100 Free Acts of Theatre' initiative. Her work includes Emmett's Photo and The Last Senior Home in Bronzeville. Chance the Rapper recently credited Nikki's original poem, "No Grandfather's in Chicago", with being the inspiration for his hit song "No More Old Men" featuring Jamila Woods. She's married to her amazing husband, Stephen, and they share a beautiful daughter, India. Writer. Actor. Connector.