Slideshow: 19-Image Gallery of ‘For Colored Girls’ Starring Janet Jackson, Thandie Newton

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Janet Jackson is Jo in For Colored Girls.

CHICAGO – This 19-image slideshow contains all of the official press images for the highly-anticipated “For Colored Girls,” starring Janet Jackson, Loretta Devine, Michael Ealy, Kimberly Elise, Omari Hardwick, Hill Harper, Thandie Newton, Phylicia Rashad, Anika Noni Rose, Tessa Thompson, Kerry Washington, and Whoopi Goldberg. The film was written and directed by Tyler Perry. It will be released on November 5th, 2010.

Synopsis: “In 1974, Ntozake Shange’s choreopoem “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf” made its stage debut, combining poetry, dance and music, and most significantly, placing the black female experience center stage. In lyrical, honest, angry, funny and tender language, Shange’s “colored girls” evoked the feelings woven into the fabric of black female life in America. Within two years, the play became a Broadway sensation, won an Obie and Tony Award, and would eventually be produced in regional theaters throughout the country. Now, thirty six years later, filmmaker Tyler Perry adapts this landmark work for the big screen, integrating the vivid language of Shange’s poems into a contemporary narrative that explores what it means to be a woman of color - and a woman of any color - in this world.

For Colored Girls weaves together the stories of nine different women – Jo, Tangie, Crystal, Gilda, Kelly, Juanita, Yasmine, Nyla and Alice –

as they move into and out of one another’s existences; some are well known to one another, others are as yet strangers. Crises, heartbreaks and crimes will ultimately bring these nine women fully into the same orbit where they will find commonality and understanding. Each will speak her truth as never before. And each will know that she is complete as a human being, glorious and divine in all her colors.”

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For_Colored_Girls_01 [18]: From left to right: Anika Noni Rose (as Yasmine), Kerry Washington (as Kelly), Janet Jackson (as Jo), Kimberly Elise (as Crystal), Phylicia Rashad (as Gilda), Loretta Devine (as Juanita), Tessa Thompson (as Nyla) and Thandie Newton (as Tangie) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_02 [19]: Janet Jackson is Jo in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_03 [17]: Loretta Devine is Juanita in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_04 [20]: Crystal (Kimberly Elise) and Beau Willie (Michael Ealy) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_05 [21]: Thandie Newton is Tangie in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_06 [22]: Phylicia Rashad is Gilda in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_07 [23]: Bill (Khalil Kain) and Yasmine (Anika Noni Rose) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_08 [24]: Donald (Hill Harper) and Kelly (Kerry Washington) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_09 [25]: Tangie (Thandie Newton, left) and Alice (Whoopi Goldberg, right) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_10 [26]: Jo (Janet Jackson) and Carl (Omari Hardwick) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_11 [27]: Juanita (Loretta Devine) and Frank (Richard Lawson) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_12 [28]: Thandie Newton is Tangie in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_13 [29]: Alice (Whoopi Goldberg, left) and Nyla (Tessa Thompson, right) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_14 [30]: Kimberly Elise is Crystal in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_15 [31]: Kelly (Kerry Washington) and Beau Willie (Michael Ealy) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_16 [32]: Crystal (Kimberly Elise, left) and Gilda (Phylicia Rashad, right) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_17 [33]: Kelly (Kerry Washington, left), Gilda (Phylicia Rashad, center) and Yasmine (Anika Noni Rose, right) in For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_18 [34]: Director/Producer/Screenwriter Tyler Perry with Janet Jackson (as Jo) on the set of For Colored Girls.

For_Colored_Girls_19 [35]: Director/Producer/Screenwriter Tyler Perry with Whoopi Goldberg (as Alice) on the set of For Colored Girls.

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