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I met Sister Thea Bowman in 1989 at a symposium at the Viterbo Fine Arts Center in my hometown of La Crosse, WI, *and that meeting changed my life!* Join me on June 20 at 7 pm at the [Sheen Center](#) in NYC for a reading of my new play **THEA**.

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with  
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This program supported in part by the Wisconsin Humanities Committee with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities

*(This 1989 event was Sister Thea Bowman's last appearance in La Crosse. She came with Sister Dorothy Ann Kunding and was hosted at St. Rose Convent by Sister Charlene Smith who was chairperson of the Humanities Symposium. The weather was very cold, much snow on the ground, Thea was weak but when it came time for her to speak she was filled with spirit and electrified the full house in the Fine Arts main theater. The next day Sister Jean Kasparbauer drove Thea with Charlene and Dort to Menomonie WI for Thea's next event. See pp. 251, ff. in **Thea's Song the Life of Thea Bowman** by Charlene Smith and John Feister, c. 2009.CMS. 2.22, 2019)*



(Tix <https://www.sheencenter.org/>)

You all have heard of Sister Act but what you may not know is that in 1987 Sister Thea Bowman flew out to LA to meet with Harry Belafonte and [Whoopi Goldberg](#) about a movie on her life Harry was producing and Whoopi was to Star in Unfortunately the movie didn't manifest but it was an article in my home town paper the [La Crosse Tribune](#) that introduced me to Sister Thea Bowman. On June 20 at 7pm I will present a reading of my play **THEA** for the [Sheen Center](#) theater festival. The reading is sold out but there will most likely be a wait list.

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**Goldberg to portray nun**  
Movie will depict life and deeds of Sister Thea

By **GAYDA HOLLNAGEL**  
Tribune religion reporter

Actress Whoopi Goldberg will play the part of Sister Thea Bowman in a film being planned on the life of the former La Crosse nun.

Sister Thea, known nationally for her work with the black Catholic community in Canton, Miss., is a member of the La Crosse-based Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

The film is being produced by actor Harry Belafonte, who met Sister Thea in New Orleans last year, according to FSPA president Sister Patricia Alden. The two have had several meetings since then to talk about the film, she said.

Goldberg, who received an Academy Award Oscar nomination for her starring role in "The Color Purple," was Sister Thea's choice, Sister Patricia said.

The 51-year-old Sister Thea, who has been battling cancer since 1985, also is the subject of a book being planned for publication by Harper and Row. Black author Margaret Walker Alexander has been commissioned to write the book. Alexander is the author of "Jubilee," a book about black culture and history. She also recently published the story

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**Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA, Servant of God**



**THEA Starring**  
Brenda Braxton, Kara  
Young, Tina Fabrique, Zonya  
Love, Monroe Kent III,  
and Matthew Simms!

Directed by Zhailon Levingston and musical direction by Mario Sprouse.

On Nathan's facebook page May 22, 2019