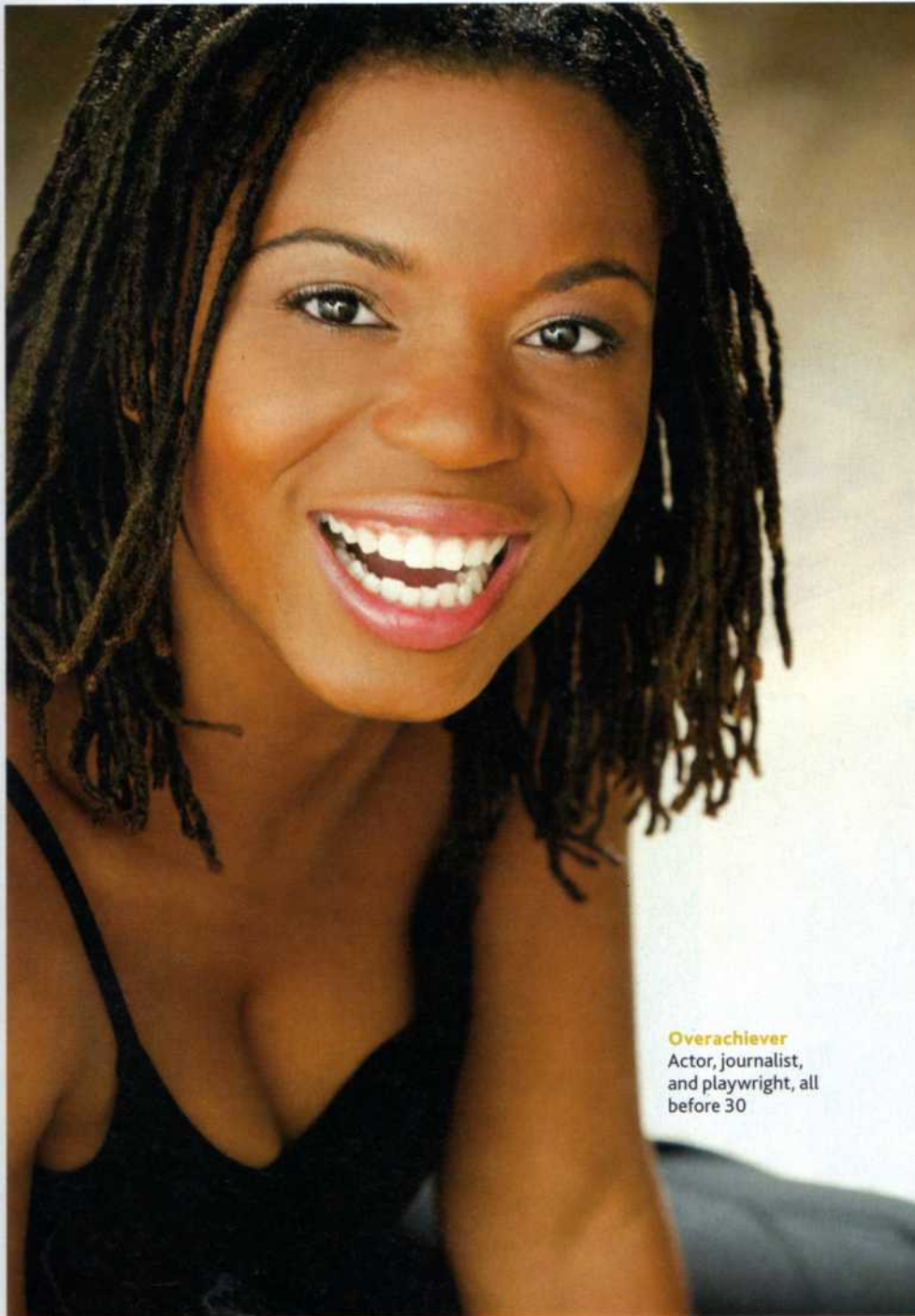


Katori Hall

A famous speech inspired the playwright's newest work.



Overachiever
Actor, journalist,
and playwright, all
before 30

I published my first newspaper article at age 13 and acted in *Law and Order: SVU* at 24. While doing so, I discovered my true passion: playwrighting. And this month, I'll watch as actors perform my play *The Mountaintop* at Stanford University.

My hometown, Memphis, inspires much of my writing. To me, the city is a library full of unwritten stories. Though I started in journalism, I began writing plays in college at Columbia University and grad school at Harvard's ART Institute. My education continues today at Julliard.

My newest play, *The Mountaintop*, follows Martin Luther King Jr. the night he gave his famous "mountaintop" speech in Memphis, right before his assassination. I'm thrilled at the support my work has received, and hope to always work on projects close to my heart. I may not have known this is where I would end up when I wrote that first newspaper article, but I'm glad to be here now, sharing my stories with the world.