



TINY & RUBY: HELL DIVIN' WOMEN

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i coulda played with pops, basic,
the duke.
i was mighty.
the sensation of the century,
out of this world,
supreme,
stellar
it was them girls —
white, light, bright, brown, tan, and yellow.
Yes suh
that's who
i grind my axe fuh. —Cheryl Clarke

Tiny & Ruby: Hell Divin' Women profiles the legendary jazz trumpeter Tiny Davis and her lover and partner of over 40 years, drummer Roby Lucas (aka Renee Phelan). Billed as the "female Louis Armstrong" in the 1940's, Tiny was until recently blowing her trumpet in Chicago blues clubs. *Tiny & Ruby* weaves together music, compelling archival material, live action performances, an evocative narrative by poet Cheryl Clarke, and an informal, intimate style to pay tribute to these two extraordinary women.

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